

The main idea is often the first sentence in a paragraph but not always.

Target Your Reading

Use this to focus on the main ideas as you read the chapter.

- **Before you read** the chapter, respond to the statements below on your worksheet or on a numbered sheet of paper.
 - Write an **A** if you **agree** with the statement.
 - Write a **D** if you **disagree** with the statement.
- **After you read** the chapter, look back to this page to see if you've changed your mind about any of the statements.
 - If any of your answers changed, explain why.
 - Change any false statements into true statements.
 - Use your revised statements as a study guide.

Before You Read A or D		Statement	After You Read A or D
	1	Humans can survive for weeks without food, but for only a few days without freshwater.	
	2	Water that does not sink into the ground, but runs across Earth's surface, is called runoff.	
	3	A floodplain is land next to a stream channel that is covered by water during a flood.	
	4	Ponds are larger and deeper than lakes.	
	5	The Great Lakes formed when a large dam was built at Niagara Falls.	
	6	All wetlands have the same types of vegetation.	
	7	A marsh is a type of wetland that has many trees and shrubs.	
	8	Very few kinds of animals depend on wetlands.	
	9	Pollution that enters water from a specific location is called point source pollution.	
	10	Pollutants can be delivered to a body of water by runoff from yards and fields.	