Summarization Techniques:

In order to retain important information about what we read, it is necessary to take effective notes and to be able to summarize the information highlighting the **main idea** and all of the **supporting points.**

* **Main Point:** What is the main subject or focus of this paragraph? What does the author want us as readers to know?
* **Supporting Points:** what statements are made that support the main idea?

**Practice:**

Read Page 4 in our book titled: **Native Origins in America**

After you’ve read the passage, write down what you believe to be the **main idea,** or **focus** of the text.

Then, write down all of the details that support that main idea.

**Example**

**Main Idea:**

Native Americans are not immigrants in the Americas.

**Supporting Details:**

1. The Bering strait theory and Clovis First theory are just theories
2. Large mammals would not have traversed the strait
3. Scientific evidence proves that humans were hunting almost 50,000 years ago
4. There is evidence of humans living in North America long before other discovered cultures like China, Egypt, Greece, Phoenicia