

Read each of these paragraphs taken from the World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia (p. 164).

1. Underline the main idea (topic sentence) for each paragraph.
2. Write the letter S in front of each of the supporting-details sentences.

Mound Builders

Mound builders were early North American Indians who built huge mounds of earth. The mounds were used as burial grounds and as places for temples and the houses of chiefs. There were three main groups of mound builders. The last mound builders were Mississippian Indians. They built in the Mississippi Valley and what became the southern United States. Their city of Cahokia, in what is now Illinois, had nearly 40,000 people and more than 100 mounds. The Mississippian people lasted about 1,000 years. They farmed and raised cattle.