Expository Text Organizer - Determining Importance and Summarizing

Title: Mexico	Topic: Mexico	Grade Level: 7

Important Details:

Coastal plains and mountainsLush jungles and barren desertsThe Rio Grande RiverBeaches along the Pacific coast and Gulf of Mexico

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Wolves and coyotes live in the north. Ocelots, jaguars, peccaries, bears, and pumas live in Mexico's forests. Seals live along Mexico's coasts. Many types of reptiles live in Mexico.

Important Details:

1. People Speak Spanish as well as Native languages.
2. Catholic Church
3. The Mexican people are hard working people who work at mining, farming, fishing, and manufacturing.
4. Music and dancing
5. Delicious spicy foods

Important Details:

Main Idea:

Beautiful scenery

Main Idea:

Exotic wildlife

Main Idea:

Fascinating culture

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Summary:

Mexico is south of the border, and it is known for its beautiful scenery, exotic wildlife, fascinating culture.

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