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Alexander von Humboldt  
1769-1859

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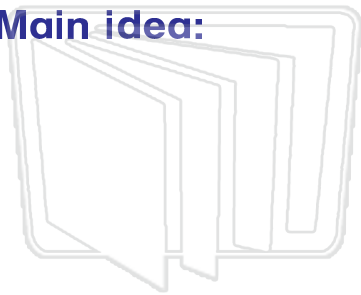


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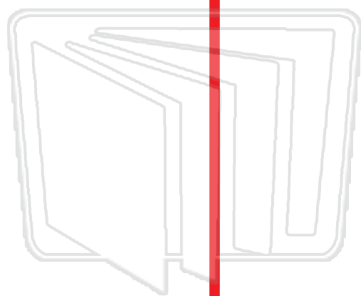


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3. He was the first scientist to explain continental drift.

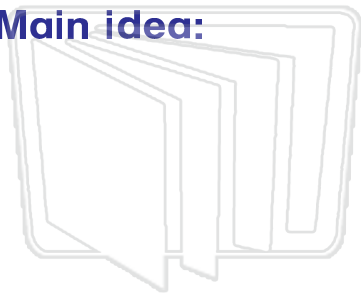


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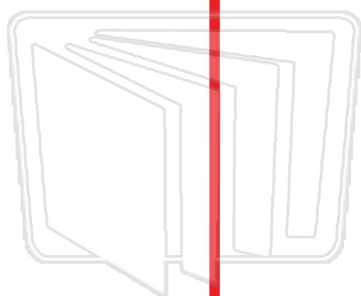
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