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Main Idea of Text A: People can conserve water by changing household habits.

Main Idea of Text B: Agriculture can conserve water by using efficient farming methods.

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Both texts discuss saving water but focus on different contexts: Text A looks at personal actions, while Text B focuses on farming practices.