

Summarizing

Summarize

to retell the main events of a story in a shorter version.

Somebody

Who is the main character?

Wanted

What did the character want?

But

What was the problem?

So

How did the character try to solve the problem?

Then

How does the story end?

Somebody...

Who is the MAIN CHARACTER?

Wanted...

What does he or she want?

But...

What is the PROBLEM?

So...

How does the main character REACT?

Then...

How is the problem SOLVED?

SUMMARIZING

Somebody

Who is the main character(s)?

Wanted

What did the character want or what is the character's goal?

But

What was the problem in the story or what is keeping the character from his goal?

So

What is the solution to the problem or how does the character reach their goal?

Then

What was the resolution to the problem?

SUMMARY SWBST

**Somebody
Wanted
But
So
Then**



The summary retells the most important parts of the story in a much shorter version.

- ♥ It tells what happens
- ♥ Only use important details
- ♥ Use a mix of important key words and your own words
- ♥ Do not include any opinions

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Summary

-Uses few words to give the most important parts of a story.

S

somebody

Who is the main character?

W

wanted

What does the main character want?

B

but

What is the problem?

S

so

How does the character try to solve the problem?

T

then

How does the story end?

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Retelling vs Summarizing

Retell

- Tell the story again
- Use the author's words
- Add as many details as possible



Summarize

- Tell only the most important events from the story
- Put events in your own words
- Keep in mind the BIG IDEA- what the story is mostly about



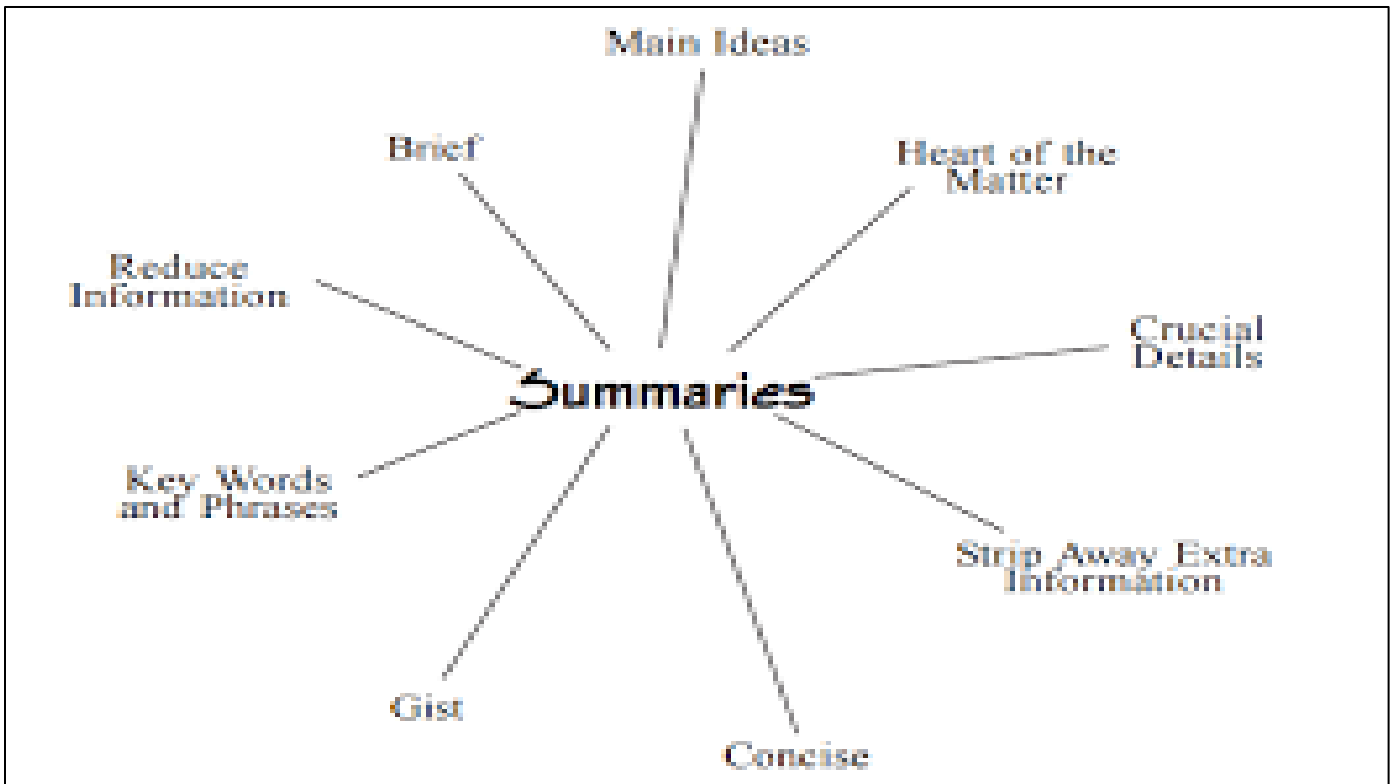
Both

- only use details from the text
- Keep the details in the correct order



Five Finger Summary





<p><i>Somebody</i> (Who is the main character?)</p>	
<p>W · A · N · T · E · D (What did they want?)</p>	
<p><i>but...</i> (What was the problem?)</p>	
<p><i>So...</i> (How did s/he try to solve it?)</p>	
<p>THEN (How did it end?)</p>	

Name: _____

Date: _____

Chapter Summaries



Directions: As you read, write the chapter number and/or title, then write a 1–2 sentence summary of the chapter.

Chapter	Summary

Name:

Story Summary



Book Title:

Author:

Character:

Setting:

Problem:

Theme:

Solution:

Skill: SUMMARIZING

Name: _____

date: _____

Summarizing

A summary is when you use your own words to tell the key ideas of something you have read.

**1. SOMEBODY...
THE MAIN CHARACTER
OR CHARACTERS**

**2. WANTED...
WHAT DID THE
CHARACTER WANT?**



**3. BUT...
WHAT WAS THE
PROBLEM?**



**4. SO...
(HOW DID THE
CHARACTER TRY TO
SOLVE THE PROBLEM?)**

**5. THEN...
(WHAT WAS THE
RESOLUTION?)**

Nonfiction Summary

Name: _____ Date: _____

Topic (1-2 words):

Main Idea (1 sentence of what the passage is about)



Key Detail #1

Key Detail #2

Key Detail #3

Put it altogether! Write the summary of the passage.

Name _____

Date _____

SUMMARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Title: _____

Main Idea

Four Important Details

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Summary of the Passage in ONE Sentence

Fiction Summary

Topic Sentence (exposition):

What is the story called? _____

Who wrote the story? _____

Who is the main character(s)? _____

Where is the story set at? _____

What did the character want and/or what is the conflict?

But, what was the problem (rising action)?

So, how is the problem resolved (climax)?

What now (falling action)?

How does it end? Is it happily ever after? (Resolution)

Write your title

Summary Strategy Organizer

Somebody

wanted

but

So

Then

Summary Paragraph:

Name _____

Date: _____

IVF Summary Sentence

A **summary sentence** tells the "big idea" of the text. To write a summary sentence you need I+V+F.

Identify the text you are summarizing

Select a **Verb** such as compares, describes, tells, lists, gives, explains, or shows

Finish your thought by telling the big idea of the text

IVF Sentence: _____
