

## Characteristics of a Summary

When creating a summary, the reader sifts through important ideas from a text and restates the important ideas and details using his or her own words.



- ✓ Includes essential information from the text related to the main idea of the text.
- ✓ Selective in choice of information—focused on the most important information.
- ✓ Concise and presents the big picture of the text.
- ✓ Restates or paraphrases the information—does not just copy the original text.
- ✓ Uses vocabulary specific to the topic.
- ✓ Ideas are presented in a logical and meaningful way.

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