

Writing a Summary Paragraph



What is a summary?

A text summary is a brief account or shortened version of the important parts of a text. The summary should only include the main ideas of a text in your own words. Therefore, a summary does not include minor information or personal opinions.

How to write a summary paragraph?

Text Type - Identify the text type (article, newspaper, webpage, etc.)

Author - Mention the author (first and last name(s))

Action - Identify the action of the author (describes, explains, argues, teaches, etc.)

Main Idea - Paraphrase the main idea of the text

Important Details - Add the important details that support the main idea

Organization - Follow the organization of the text when summarizing and use relevant transition words