

## Summary Notes for Active Reading

**What it is:** A way to summarize an article and recall later (best for a short article, chapter, or section of a reading). A summary reduces an article to just its main ideas.

### Sample:

TITLE of READING SELECTION:

- Read the selection and underline the key words and main ideas.
- Write these in the blank area below the title under the heading MAIN IDEA WORDS.
- At the bottom of the sheet, write a one-sentence SUMMARY of the article, using as many main idea words as you can. (Imagine you have only \$2.00, and each word you use will cost you 10 cents. See if you can “sum it up” in twenty words!)

### What it does:

Summarizing helps readers take a large selection of text and reduce it to the main points for more concise understanding. Upon reading a passage, summarizing helps students learn to determine essential ideas and consolidate important details that support them. It is a technique that enables students to focus on keywords and phrases of an assigned text that are worth noting and remembering.

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