

How To:

Determine 2 central ideas from a text and analyzes their development:

1. Find the central ideas. (main point or extremely important point the author makes about a topic)
2. Find the supporting details. (Facts, statements, specifics, and examples that clarify, explain, and describe the central idea.)
3. Explain the supporting details in your own words.

Write a 4 sentence objective summary:

1. Topic Sentence

- Name It:

- a. Identify the title of the text and the author.

- b. Use one of the following summary verbs: *shows, describes, explains, discusses, explores, illustrates, teaches, etc.*

- c. Communicate the author's central idea.

2. Essential/Key Ideas

- Pick 1-2 supporting details from the beginning, middle, and end of the text to show how the author develops the central idea.

- USE YOUR OWN WORDS. --DO NOT COPY FROM THE TEXT. You are NOT citing textual evidence like you have practiced in other situations.

3. Step Three—Concluding Sentence

- Wrap up the objective summary.