

Having trouble writing your synopsis?

Here's a process that might help:

1. **Read** the set of ten cards twice
2. **Name your summary:** Decide on a title for your summary; try to capture the main idea that holds ALL ten cards together. What are they about? (Example Title: *The History of Deforestation from 1700 to Now*).
3. **Organize:** Divide your ten cards into 2-4 categories. Use logic.
4. **Name your categories:** What holds each category together? Put a small sticky note on top of each category, with the name written on it.
5. **Order your categories:** Which one should logically go first? Should they go from the most general to the most specific? Or from the oldest to the most recent? Number the sticky notes.
6. **Draft a topic sentence:** Think of a nice introductory sentence for your paragraph, one that lets your reader know what your paragraph will be about.
7. **Finish up:** Write one or two sentences that summarizes each category of cards. Let the category titles be your guide.