

Non-Fiction Summary

Topic Sentence (Establish Basic Facts)

Mentions the text's title and author and makes a statement about the text. This sentence could answer the questions: who, what, where, and when?

Possible Sentence Starter:

In the text titled "___," the author (name, if given) discusses/writes about...

Why was this article written?

Identify the main or central idea

Possible Sentence Starters:

The central idea of this text is...

The article's main focus is...

Provide Supporting Details

Paraphrase-In Your Own Words

Possible Sentence Starters:

"For example, the text discusses..."

"In addition, the text goes on to point out..."

"Furthermore, the author shares..."

Concluding Sentence

How does the article end? What is/are the author's final thoughts?

Possible Sentence Starters:

"The text ends with the idea..."

"The text concludes with a discussion of..."

"The author leaves the reader thinking about..."

Review/Revise:

- Sentences are complete, capitalized, and punctuated
- Spelling is checked.
- Homophones are checked (ex. their/there/they're).
- Writing is informative and unbiased (no opinion).
- Tone is formal (no "I", "you", or "me").

