



# Sentence Starters for Summary Writing

Summarizing Texts (written or spoken)	Summarizing a Process
<p><b>Summarizing Ideas in a Textbook</b></p> <p>1.) The section titled _____ is about...</p> <p>2.) The main idea of the passage...</p> <p>3.) Chapter _____ (number) _____ (use a verb like identifies, discusses, introduces, elaborates, describes, or use another verb)...</p> <p>4.) In chapter ____ we learn...</p> <p>5.) This (page or paragraph) is about...</p> <p><b>Summarizing an Argument</b></p> <p>6.) The author's central claim...</p> <p>7.) The main point of the text is...</p> <p>8.) A central point in the text is...</p> <p>9.) The author _____ (use a verb like explains, observes, explores, discusses, or another verb)...</p>	<p>1.) The first step to solving _____ is to...</p> <p>2.) When solving for _____, first _____ then _____ and finally _____.</p> <p>3.) To complete this experiment, first _____, second _____, and third _____.</p> <p>4.) To solve _____ (name the type of problem) _____ (verb) _____ (describe the first step in the solution). Then, _____ (verb) _____ (describe the second step and so on).</p> <p>5.) When testing for...</p> <p>6.) Use the following steps to...</p> <p>a.) _____; b.) _____; and c.) _____</p> <p>7.) To begin the experiment, _____, then, _____, and finally _____.</p>
<p><b>Summarizing Ideas in a Speech/ Presentation</b></p> <p>10.) The speech delivered by _____ (name the speaker) _____ (use a verb)...</p> <p>11.) The guest speaker _____ (verb)...</p> <p>12.) In the speech _____ (title) _____ (speaker) _____ (verb like argues, states, challenges) that...</p> <p><b>Summarizing What Has Been Learned</b></p> <p>13.) After reading _____ (name the title of the text or section of text) I now understand...</p> <p>14.) Today's lecture covered...</p> <p>15.) Today we learned...</p>	<p><b>Summarizing and Interpreting Visuals</b></p> <p>1.) The graph illustrates...</p> <p>2.) It can be concluded that...</p> <p>3.) From the diagram we learn that...</p> <p>4.) The table compares...</p> <p>5.) Based on the data, it is reasonable to conclude...</p> <p>6.) The image shows...</p> <p>7.) The table suggests...</p> <p>8.) The illustration provides...</p> <p>9.) The image illustrates...</p> <p>10.) In the (photo, painting, or other type of visual) _____ (describe what is observed).</p>