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Summary of an Informative Text



Lesson 1 Quick Review

Fill in the blanks below with the following terms.

A is a short version of writing that restates the central idea and main ideas.

The main of Informative Writing include compare/contrast, sequence, problem/solution, and classification..

A narrative plot structure includes a beginning, rising action, , falling action, and ending.

climax

summary

organizational structures

Which of the following does NOT serve the purpose of Summary Writing?

- A. It condenses the information for the reader.
- B. It provides the reader with extensive detail.
- C. It is a skill that is needed for school and many careers.

Summary writing needs to follow the structure used by the author.

- True
- False

Which organizational structure presents events starting with the earliest and follows the order in which they occurred?

- A. Classification
- B. Chronological
- C. Compare/Contrast

Answers: Summary, Organizational Structures, Climax, B, True, B

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Lesson 2 Quick Review

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom of this page.

means to use your own words to avoid copying the words of someone else.

Effective summaries provide readers with the of the article.

Effective summaries omit, or leave out , even if they are interesting.

main ideas

trivial details

paraphrasing

Which is an example of paraphrasing?

- A. Using the same words, but putting them in a different order.
- B. Rethinking what the author really meant to say.
- C. Checking to see that your writing conveys the same meaning.

It is possible to summarize the main idea of a paragraph in one sentence.

- True
- False

Answers: Paraphrasing, Main Ideas, Trivial Details, C, True

Lesson 3 Quick Review

Why is it important to include only the main ideas in a Summary?

- A. Many readers today have a short attention span.
- B. A summary should be shorter and to the point.
- C. It is difficult to remember the details.

Because "central idea" provides the author's purpose and focus of writing, it relates to which of the Six Traits?

- A. Organization
- B. Word Choice
- C. Idea

The topic sentence for a summary should NOT include which of the following?

- A. central idea
- B. title
- C. as much detail as possible

It's important to paraphrase someone else's words to avoid plagiarism.

- True
- False

When paraphrasing, it's important to check that your words convey the same meaning.

- True
- False

Answers: B, C, C, True, True

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Lesson 4 Quick Review

Why is it important to include only the main ideas in a summary?

- A. The reader won't remember the details.
- B. Because it is shorter and to the point; it can't include all the details.
- C. It takes less time to write.

Which of the Six Traits of Writing addresses "Conclusion"?

- A. Conventions
- B. Organization
- C. Idea

Which concluding strategy allows the reader to draw their own conclusion?

- A. Reflective Strategy
- B. Question Strategy
- C. Open Strategy

Which concluding strategy presents a forceful statement and reiterates the topic?

- A. Summary Strategy
- B. Reflective Strategy
- C. Strong Statement Strategy

Which consideration is NOT necessary when writing a conclusion?

- A. How to best support the topic sentence.
- B. How to remind the reader of details.
- C. How to reiterate the main points.

Answers: B, B, C, C, B

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Lesson 5 Quick Review

Complete the sentences with terms listed at below.

is an example of an Academic Language term that is commonly used.

is the one of the Six Traits that addresses Academic Language.

is appropriate for school and professional communication.

Word Choice

Explain

Academic Language

Which is a true statement about Academic Language?

- A. It is only used in textbooks.
- B. It makes the writer sound like they are knowledgeable about the topic.
- C. It should only be used in school settings.

Replacing the word "good" with "appropriate" is an example of using Academic Language.

- True
- False

Answers: Explain, Word Choice, Academic Language, B, True

Lesson 6 Quick Review

Use the words below to fill in the blank.

is a strategy where you can start sentences with a different part of speech..

are more than just words; they are necessary to create a fluid piece of writing.

helps the flow of writing from one sentence to the next.

Sentence Fluency

Transitions

Varied sentence beginnings

Varying sentence beginnings is a way to create a transition.

- True
- False

Transitions are words or phrases that help tie ideas together.

- True
- False

Answers: Varied Sentence Beginnings, Transitions, Sentence Fluency True, True

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Lesson 7 Quick Review

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

Revision focuses on .

The process of adding, subtracting, moving, and changing text is called .

The process of changing grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors is called .

revision

editing

content

There's very little difference between revision and editing.

- True
- False

An editing checklist can be helpful with the process of editing.

- True
- False

Answers: Content, Revision, Editing, False, True