Name: Period:

**Main Idea & Summarizing**

Fill in the blanks with the words from the Power Point. If you fill in the blanks before we are done going over the slide, feel free to answer the “Think” questions under each section.

**Main Idea**

* The the author tries to make
* Also defined as “ “ or “ “
* After reading a text, you should be able to pull out the of what you just read
* Ask yourself, what was the the author wanted me to know from this?
* THINK: What is another definition you could assign to the term “main idea” that has not already been given?

**Main Idea Practice**

* Let’s practice with an example…
* Using a text we are all familiar with (what we just finished reading)...“The Hunger Games”
* What is the main idea from this text?
* THINK: Jot down what you think are some of the main ideas from “The Hunger Games”:

**Main Idea Practice**

* Main idea from “The Hunger Games”:
* People can create a destructive world
* THINK: Explain how this is the main idea from “The Hunger Games.” Give textual examples of where this main idea is demonstrated in “The Hunger Games.”

**Summarizing**

* Let’s start by watching this video:
* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO0AUyev1IY&feature=related>
* Now, if you would like, turn to the last page of this packet entitled “How to Summarize an Article (Video)” and follow the text their along with the audio

**Summary Steps (Article)**

1. through your text first.

2. Read through it a second time, start writing your summary

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3. Pick the most or find the from each paragraph.

1. One -Two sentences/paragraph

4. Link all the together i.e. rewrite sentences to where they make sense.

* THINK: In your opinion, what is the most important step in summarizing an article?

**Summary Steps (Video)**

1. Watch your video fully first.

2. Watch it a second time, start writing your summary

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3. Pick out the from the video.

1. Pause the video every so often and jot down a from what is being said (ex. Pause a 2 minute video every 20 seconds)

4. all the sentences together i.e. sentences to where they make sense.

* THINK: In your opinion, what is the most important step in summarizing a news video?

**Summary Practice**

\*Find a current event/news document from:

-CNN.com OR

-Youtube.com (a video around 2 minutes in length)

\*Follow summary steps and:

-Write a summary OR

-Create a story book

* THINK: What makes a reliable and credible current event/news article?

**Summary Practice Details: Write a Summary**

Worth: 60 Points

* Credible news article/video (follows credible/reliable website criteria learned last lesson) - 10 points
* 1-2 sentences summarizing main idea of each paragraph/Evidence of summarizing main ideas consistently through video – 20 points
* Main idea sentences are linked together to make a paragraph that flows and makes sense – 20 points
* Paragraph is neat and legible (hand written or typed) – 10 points

**Summary Practice Details: Create a Story Book**

Worth: 60 Points

* Credible news article/video (follows credible/reliable website criteria learned last lesson) - 10 points
* One picture per page summarizing main idea of each paragraph/Evidence of summarizing main ideas consistently through video are shown with multiple pictures – 20 points
* Pictures follow a chronological order that makes the book flow and makes sense – 20 points
* Book is neat, organized, and shows originality – 10 points

**Alternative Option**

* For those that like a challenge, do both options i.e. write a summary and create a story book.
* Worth: 60 Points
  + 30 Points for Summary
  + 30 Points for Story Book

**How to Summarize an Article (Video)**

So you have a lengthy article and you want to learn how to summarize your article in an effective manner. You can write a summary in just five minutes. Here is how to do it.

Step 1: Start writing your summary immediately.

Don’t sit there and think about what to include in your article summary. Start from the beginning of your article and start writing immediately. Your article has numerous paragraphs. Start from the first paragraph.

Step 2: Pick the most important sentence in each paragraph.

Always start by picking just one sentence from each paragraph. Notice that in every paragraph, there is a key message. If this key sentence doesn’t exist, create one for your summary. You should use no more than two sentences to summarize each paragraph.

Step 3: Link all the key sentences together.

A summary is like a mini article for your main article. When you pick sentences from the paragraphs, they may appear to be disconnected. Now is the time to do some stitching work. When you are finished, reread the summary again to make sure the words are flowing nicely.

When writing summaries, do not add anything that you have not written about in the article body. The summary is supposed to be a short paragraph that sums up all the key points. If you add extra materials, they won’t seem to fit. Your readers may also be confused because something new just popped up from nowhere.

With practice, you should be able to write summaries in record time. Try to beat my personal best of two minutes. Well, it’s a really short summary! ☺