

# How to Write a Summary

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# Skills Sandbox: Our Power Standards!

- I can cite text evidence to show my knowledge of a text.
- I can find the main idea (central idea) of an article and determine the most important supporting details
- I can then put these details into a logical order my readers can understand
- I can use the writing process to brainstorm, organize, draft, and then revise my writing

# Warm Up Time!

- What is the difference between a summary and a full report?
- What do we already know check: what goes in a good summary?
- Should anything NOT be included?

# Activity #1: Video Teacher Day

Grab your hand-dandy notebook. Smile at me when you're ready!

Title: Summarizing a Non-Fiction Article

Date: 10.26

Reason: Portfolio Skills Day!

Ideas to Remember:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



# Activity #2: Video Discussion

What stood out to you as IMPORTANT?

Why did our video teacher remind us to leave out some details, but not others?

# Strategy!

GIST is one strategy for making sure we can create good summaries with all of the important information.

Word Break Down: What is GIST? Can anyone tell me?

# Part Two

## The 5 Ws

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?

## 10 Word GIST

Jot down 10 short words or groups of words for details



# Play Time! Let's do one together

Let's read this paragraph together. What are the 5 Ws? What would be essential GISTS?

Every year monarch butterflies will travel a great distance sometimes over 2,500 miles. Females will lay eggs and a new generation of monarchs will travel back, completing the cycle. Butterflies can only drink liquids because they have no way of chewing, they have a long narrow tube in their mouth called a proboscis that acts as a straw. They usually drink nectar as their food source however they have also been known to eat tree sap, dung, pollen, or rotting fruit. They are attracted to sodium found in salt and sweat. This is why they sometimes even land on people in Butterfly Parks. Most butterflies have taste receptors on their feet. Butterflies usually have an average life span of around a month however that can be shortened by predators, disease, and situational factors. The greatest threats to butterflies are habitat change and loss due to residential, commercial and agricultural development. Climate change is also threatening species of butterflies in North America. (National Geographic)



# Practice Work and Exit Ticket

This week, use one of the articles in our lessons to practice GIST.  
I'd love to see them!

What is ONE new skill you will try this week?