Summary Writing

**Purpose** – to summarize a story and point out only the main parts

**Structure:**

**Intro**  🡪 introduces the article and tells you what it’s about 1 sentence

* Include main person’s name and main conflict

**Body**  🡪 include 3 main events that happen (in order) that lead up 6 sentences

to the ending (3 points)

* + Include a transition word between each point
  + State the event, then talk about some specific details

**Conclusion** 🡪 State what happens at the end 1 sentence

**How you know your summary is effective:**

* Covers the WHOLE text
* Includes the overall ideas – details are not too specific
* Discusses events in the order they happened
* No opinion!

# Summary Outline

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| Introduction | The film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is about… (include main character and the main conflict) | |
| Body | *Transitional word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*  First main event (how it begins): | some details about it: |
| *Transitional word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*  Second main event: | some details about it: |
| *Transitional word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*  Third main event (leading up to the ending) | some details about it: |
| Conclusion | *Transitional word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*  What happens at the end? | |