

Below is a guideline to writing a great **SUMMARY & REACTION** to an article.

A summary: A fairly brief restatement, **IN YOUR OWN WORDS**, of the contents of a passage.

Summary

- ♥ Include the **TITLE & AUTHOR** (*if known*) in the 1st sentence.
(ex. **In the article “Elements All Around Us,” John Newman explains that the first elements were...**)
- ♥ A brief **overview** of the article explaining the main points.
- ♥ Can include accurate facts restated in your own words.
- ♥ 1 paragraph: minimum 4 sentences, maximum 6 sentences.

- ☹ No title on top of the page (*since it’s in the 1st sentence*).
- ☹ Don’t tell your opinion, agree or disagree, or what you learned.
- ☹ Don’t ask questions (ex. “Did you know that...?”)

Reaction

- ◆ Your opinion; including likes, dislikes, agree or disagree.
- ◆ Backup why you liked or disliked it with specifics using “because...” (not just *“I thought it was cool and neat.”*)
 - ◆ Describe what you learned or that fascinated you.
- ◆ You can restate factual information to support your opinion.
- ◆ 1 paragraph: minimum 4 sentences, maximum 6 sentences

How Your Writing Will Be Evaluated:

Quality /10 (grammatically correct, spelling, punctuation, following guidelines above)
Effort /5 (thought, insight, neatness, your fullname, **typed please**)
TOTAL /15 pts