

## Summary/Critique Template

### Instructions:

Below is a template for writing a summary with a conclusion. Pay particular attention to the bracketed information. In this instance, the brackets indicate information you need add. Fill in the information according to the directions given in the brackets. **Do not** leave the information in the brackets.

[*Author's name*], in [*title*], [*argues, shows, demonstrates, bolsters, suggests, expresses, describes, reveals, delineates, etc.*] that [*summarize the thesis or claim the author presents*]. An example of [*author's thesis/claim*] is [*present example*]. [*Author's name*] further supports [*his claim/thesis with*] a number of [*reasons, facts, statistics, case studies, quotes, images, narratives, etc.*]. First, [*present example*]. Second, [*example*]. Third, [*example*]. [*Author's*] [*position, theory, perspective, etc.*] is [*awkward, unclear, clear, supported, etc.*] because [*critique the source*]. As a result, [*based on your reading, present your conclusions, your opinion about the subject.*]



### SUMMARY/CRITIQUE:

A summary that identifies the central issue, raises questions, takes notice of approaches, and reviews the significance of the results. Its purpose is to highlight both the shortcomings as well as strengths of a subject.

1. Read the piece. Pay close attention to the title and purpose of the work. Look up words you do not understand.
2. Examine the presentation. Objective? Biased? Offers examples? Provides evidence?
3. Interpret. How successful was the author at proving/developing his point?
4. Conclusion. Based on the information provided, what conclusions/decisions do you make?

## Summary Worksheet

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6. with a number of [*reasons, facts, statistics, case studies, quotes, images, narratives, etc.*].
7. First, [*present example*].
8. Second, [*example*].
9. Third, [*example*].
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11. is [*awkward, unclear, clear, supported, etc.*]
12. because [*critique the information*].
13. As a result, [*based on your reading, present your conclusions, your opinion about the subject.*]