

ACADEMIC SUMMARY TEMPLATE

In the _____, _____,
 (“A” Text Type) (Title of text)
 _____ the topic of
 (Full name of author) (“B” Academic Verb)
 _____ S/he _____
 (Topic/Issue of text) (“C” Precise Verb + “that”)

 (Author’s main idea or point on the topic/issue)

Continue the summary by paraphrasing the key details in the text that support the main idea.

(Ultimately/In summary) what _____ (conveys/argues/explains/examines)
 (Author)
 is _____
 (Restate author’s main idea or state his purpose for writing this text)

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| A Types of Texts essay editorial article research paper narrative lab report letter speech short story vignette memoir poem novel movie drama/play |
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| B Precise Verbs addresses discusses examines explores considers questions analyzes scrutinizes debates disputes opposes contests criticizes comments on elaborates on focuses on reflects on argues for argues against |
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| C Precise “Verbs + that” asserts argues posits maintains claims notes proposes declares concedes states believes suggests implies infers intimates |
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| Addition Connectors in addition furthermore moreover another besides...also further additionally beyond...also ...as well |
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