

Module: Summarizing What's Important

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## Summarizing: A Mystery No More

Don't let summarizing keep you in the dark. Instead, work with a partner to write a great summary of a short mystery. Discuss each step with your partner and work together to write your answers.

- Choose a short mystery. You may find one on the Internet or in a book of short stories. Write down the following information about the story:  
 Story name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

- What's the story about?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What are the main events? Make sure to list them in order.
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

- How do the characters feel and why?

Character	Feeling	Reason

- Use the information above to write the first draft of your summary.  
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- Polish your summary and rewrite it on a separate page. Check for the following:
  - Spelling and grammar are correct
  - Sentences are complete
  - Focus is on important details
  - Order of main events is correct