



### Objective

The student will summarize text.



### Materials

- ▶ Expository text  
*Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.*
- ▶ Summarizing student sheet
- ▶ Sticky notes  
*Place sticky notes throughout the text in places that it is appropriate to state main ideas.*
- ▶ Paper
- ▶ Pencil



### Activity

Students read expository text, record main ideas, and use that information to write a summary.

1. Place text at the center. Provide the student with a student sheet.
2. The student reads the entire text without stopping.
3. Goes back to the beginning of the text and rereads up to the first sticky and records the main idea.
4. Continues to reread to each sticky and records the main ideas.
5. Reviews recorded information and writes a summary of the entire text using 20 words or less.
6. Teacher evaluation

The student sheet is titled "C.030 Simple Summary" and includes a "Name" field. It contains five "Main Idea:" sections, each with two lines for writing, and a "Summary:" section with four lines for writing. The sheet is placed over a blue grid background with a black and white illustration of an open book.



### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use graphic organizers to record main ideas and summary.

# Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Simple Summary

**C. 030**

Title/Topic:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Main Idea:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Summary:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Name \_\_\_\_\_

C. 030

Simple Summary

Main Idea	Main Idea	Main Idea
-----------	-----------	-----------

Summary (20 words or less)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Simple Summary

**C. 030**

**Main Ideas**

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Summary of text in 20 words or less**

---

---

---

---