



### Objective

The student will summarize text.



### Materials

- ▶ Expository text  
*Choose text within students' instructional-independent reading level range.*
- ▶ Summarizing student sheet (Activity Master C.030.SS1)
- ▶ 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 form is titled "C.030.SS1" and "Simple Summary". It includes a "Name" field and a "Title/Topic:" field. Below these are four "Main Idea:" fields, each with a horizontal line for writing. At the bottom is a "Summary:" field with several horizontal lines for writing. To the right of the form is a large illustration of an open book with a hand holding the pages.



### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Use graphic organizers to record main ideas and summary. (Activity Masters C.030.SS2 and C.030.SS3).

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

## Simple Summary

C.030.SS I

Title/Topic:  
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Main Idea:  
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C.030.SS2

Simple Summary

Main Idea

Main Idea

Main Idea

Summary (20 words or less)

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

Simple Summary

**C.030.SS3**

Main Ideas

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Summary of text in 20 words or less

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