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

Extensions and Adaptations
- Use graphic organizers to record main ideas and summary.
  (Activity Masters C.030.SS2 and C.030.SS3).
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2-3 Student Center Activities: Comprehension
Simple Summary

Summary (20 words or less)
Main Ideas

Summary of text in 20 words or less