

Summary Frames

The best summaries:

- Begin with a sentence that covers what the whole summary is about
- Are short and in your own words
- Include important details and all boldfaced terms
- Are organized using the right summary frame

TOPIC FRAME - This frame explains a general topic.

1. Generate a sentence that announces the topic.
2. Search for important **terms** the author introduces. Use each term in a sentence that illustrates its meaning.
3. State each of the **compare-contrast** elements of the source text.
4. State each of the **cause-effect** relationships of the source text.
5. Identify any important **people** the author mentions. Use each name in a sentence describing his/her importance. [HINT: Use last names only]

EPISODE FRAME -- This frame describes an event or events in the order in which they occur.

1. Generate a sentence that announces what **event** or sequence of events is being described
2. Identify any important **people** the author mentions. Use each name in a sentence describing his/her importance. [HINT: Use last names only]
3. Identify **where** the event(s) occur(s).
4. State **in what order** the major incidences occur.[HINT: Describe events where necessary]
5. State each of the **cause-effect** relationships of the source text.

PROBLEM-SOLUTION FRAME -- This frame describes a problem and identified one or more solutions.

1. Generate a sentence that identifies the **problem**.
2. State the possible **solutions** that the author reviewed along with any **people** connected with the solution [HINT: Use last names only.]
3. Identify the **solution** that the author thinks has the best chance of **succeeding**.