

SUMMARIZE the author's ideas

A summary is a restatement of the author's ideas as they were stated in the text.

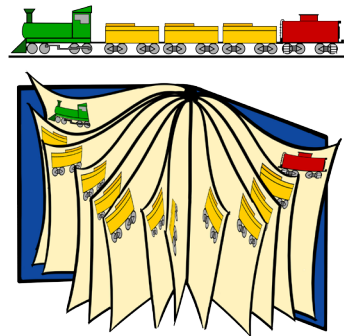
SYNONYMS: retell, paraphrase, restate

Readers recall the concrete information/details to then determine the most important (main) ideas.

Retell & Summarize Ideas

(to the tune of *Ring Around the Rosie*)

Details go in order;
beginning, middle, end.
Recall, retell
to summarize.



SYNTHESIZE your thoughts

What is it?

A synthesis is the reader's growing and changing understanding of the author's ideas.

SYNONYMS: blend, integrate, combine, grow, evolve, change

How does it work?

Readers combine new information (acquired from the text) with their existing knowledge.

Synthesize Ideas

(to the tune of *Frère Jacques*)

After reading...
keep on thinking.
Use your mind.
Synthesize!
Bring ideas together.
Use your background knowledge.
Think new thoughts.
Synthesize!



The result is a collection of the most important information.

What is the end result?

The result is increased reader knowledge (e.g., a new understanding, a deeper understanding, or a change in previous understanding).

Summarizing is applied to a portion of the text *during* reading and the entire text *after* reading.

When is it used?

Synthesizing is applied to a portion of the text *during* reading and the entire text *after* reading.

Summarizing provides readers with a basic understanding of an idea or experience. Readers now know *what the text says*.

Why is it important for comprehension?

Synthesizing pushes students to think beyond the text and add their opinion/interpretation to the ideas or experience. Readers think beyond what the text says to determine *why the text matters*.