

Writing and Reading Summaries



Please answer the question:

What is a summary? When do you normally read or write them?

Why are summaries important?

- Good skill to have when talking about books, events, movies, etc. → not just for English class!
- Short → forces us to be **concise** (to-the-point!)
- Projects & Papers

A Good Summary: Book Talk

- Does not give an *opinion*
- Intriguing → Doesn't give away too much
- Will look different depending on the book

Example → What do you think?

The Giver is about Jonas. He is a boy that lives in a Community, and he has a sister. The Giver gives him memories. They are very important. Not a very interesting book for teenagers.

Example → What do you think?

Jonas lives in a world where there are no feelings, emotions, or memories, and his society seems to have complete peace and harmony. Jonas' every decision is already made for him, and at the Ceremony of Twelve, his job is assigned to him as well. Jonas' life completely turns upside down when he receives his job assignment, which helps him to realize that things are not as peaceful as they seem. He decides things need to change.

Practice Makes Perfect :)

- Practice writing a 3-5 sentence summary of your novel in your book club group. You will be sharing this with your classmates, so make sure to make your book seem like a good one to read