



# Video 7 Lesson Guide: Summarize

## WHEN?

**AFTER ASSESSING STUDENT WRITING, WHEN MIGHT YOU ASSIGN THIS VIDEO?**

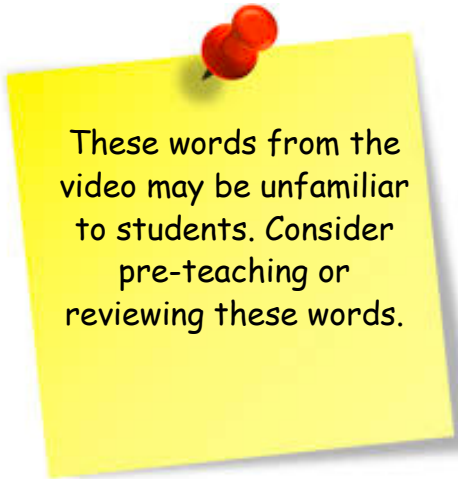
- \* IF THE STUDENT'S FINAL SENTENCE IS AN INCOMPLETE THOUGHT.
- \* THE FINAL SENTENCE DOES NOT INCLUDE A FOCUSED OPINION.
- \* THE FINAL SENTENCE DOES NOT SHARE THE SAME MESSAGE AS THE TOPIC SENTENCE.
- \* IF THE FINAL SENTENCE IS TOO WORDY AND NOT CONVINCING.

# IMPORTANT

## 1 VOCABULARY

Pre-teaching: A Glossary

- \* Amusement park- a park with rides, such as water slides or roller coasters, and games; theme park
- \* Prompt- a topic idea or a starting point to focus on as you write
- \* Ferris wheel- an amusement park ride with a large wheel with places for people to sit around the rim
- \* Summary- to restate your opinion
- \* Elaboration- adding more detail



These words from the video may be unfamiliar to students. Consider pre-teaching or reviewing these words.

# 2

Show Video 7 (Summarize) to students who would benefit from this instruction. This video can be presented to a small group or to individual students.



# 3

## Checking In

Using the paragraphs provided in Appendix A, or by making up your own, distribute an envelope to individuals or small groups. The envelope will contain a paragraph written on the outside, and a card with a summarizing sentence inside. Small groups or individual students must create a summary sentence for each paragraph and write it down; then they can check the card on the inside to see how close they came.



**ALERT!** Be sure to create materials ahead of time!

# 4

Check the writing that students created in the technology-based graphic organizer and consider:

- \* Have they completed the summarizing row?
- \* Model and/or offer suggestions for how student(s) might restate their topic sentence in order to construct a summarizing or concluding sentence.
- \* Does the student's final sentence reflect their previously stated opinion?
- \* Has the student summarized in a complete thought that restates his/her opinion and is brief, but convincing?






# Connection to the TBGO!



Utilize the audio comments feature to aid with student understanding of summarization.

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Ensure students have completed this row of the graphic organizer, including utilizing a transition word, self-monitoring, and that they have summarized their opinion.



## 3 APPENDIX A:

### Paragraph #1

School uniforms should be required for all students for a number of reasons. First, they build school spirit. For instance, students might feel proud and confident when people recognize the school they belong to. In addition, getting ready for school can be much faster and easier. Most important, some studies show that school uniforms make students perform better.

**Suggested Summarizing Sentence-** (answers may vary)

School uniforms promote school pride, they make for easier mornings, and students can even perform better when wearing them.

### Paragraph #2

Our family should have a dog for many reasons. First, pets teach responsibility. If we get a dog, I will feed him and take him for walks after school. The second reason to have a pet is that he would make a good companion for me when everyone else is busy. The third reason we need a dog is for safety. He would warn us of danger and keep our house safe. For these reasons, I am sure you'll agree that we should jump in the car and head toward a pet store right away!

**Suggested Summarizing Sentence-** (answers may vary)

Having a dog would be a great idea for me and for the family.

### Paragraph #3

The school fair is right around the corner and you should buy your tickets! First, the school fair is a great value when compared to other forms of entertainment. Also, your ticket purchase will help our school, and when you help the school, it helps the community. Also, every ticket you buy enters you in a drawing to win fabulous prizes! Finally, you will have mountains of fun because there are many great rides, fun games, and you will get to spend time with your family and friends! Buy your tickets while they are still available and have a great time!

**Suggested Summarizing Sentence-** (answers may vary)

Buy tickets for the school fair because the money raised helps support the school, you can be entered to win a prize, and you will have a lot of fun.

### Paragraph #4

Homework is an important part of learning and teachers should be allowed to assign it. One reason is that homework gives students additional practice of skills covered in class. Another reason teachers should be allowed to give homework is that students do not all work at the same speed and giving students time at home to finish work keeps them from falling behind. Finally, teachers should be allowed to give homework because it gives time to complete longer and more challenging assignments and projects. In conclusion, not only is homework a good idea for mastering new skills, but it also gives students who need more time the time they need.

**Suggested Summarizing Sentence-** (answers may vary)

Teachers should be allowed to give homework because it gives students extra time to learn skills and to complete challenging tasks.