

Summary Rubric

Points	Description
4	<p style="text-align: center;">Excellent Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author and title of article are stated in the first sentence • The central idea is clearly stated in the first sentence • 4-5 supporting details are included • Uses own wording - avoids copying phrases and sentences from the text. • Masterfully uses transition words and phrases that link to central idea in logical order. • Summary is concise and to the point • Author's purpose is clearly stated • No errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation (aka: conventions). • MLA format is perfect
3	<p style="text-align: center;">Satisfactory Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author and title of article are stated in the first sentence. • The central idea is stated in the first sentence. • 2-3 supporting details are include • Uses mostly original language • Some transition words and phrases link evidence to central idea. • Summary is mostly concise and to the point • Author's purpose is stated • Few errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation (aka: conventions). • 1-2 errors in MLA formatting
2	<p style="text-align: center;">Below Average Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author and/or title are missing • The central idea of the article is vague and hard to locate. • Some important details may be missing • Copies some phrases and sentences • Detail sentences lack logical organization • Few transition words and phrases OR too many transitions • Summary contains some personal opinion • Author's purpose missing. • Has several errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation (aka: conventions). • 3-4 errors in MLA formatting
1	<p style="text-align: center;">Ineffective Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No title or author of article • The central idea is unclear • Details are sketchy or missing entirely • Disorganized details, randomly presented • No transition words and phrases • Lots of personal opinion rather than objective summary • Many copied phrases and sentences • Author's purpose missing • Many errors in spelling, grammar, or punctuation (aka: conventions) • Lots of errors in MLA formatting, or not in MLA format at all