

Summary Frame with Sentence Starters

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Directions: Complete the sentence starters below to write your summary. Use the verbs and transition words at the bottom for help.

In the (genre: article, essay, editorial, report) _____ entitled (title)
 _____ (author's complete name)
 _____ (verb: see below for verbs such as explores or
 investigates) _____ (topic or main idea) _____.

(Transition word) _____, (author's last name) _____ (verb)
 _____ (restate first supporting idea) _____.

The writer/author/journalist (circle one) (verb and restate second supporting idea)

_____. (Transition word) _____, s/he (verb)
 _____ that (state third supporting idea) _____. (Final transition
 word) _____, (author's last name) _____ (verb) _____ that
 (restate final supporting or concluding idea) _____.

Helpful Verbs for Summaries		Transition Words
acknowledges	discusses	first > next > then > finally
advises	explains	first > another > finally
asserts	explores	first of all > besides > in addition
compares	identifies	first of all > in addition > another > finally
contrasts	investigates	one > another > finally
critiques	illustrates	one > one other > along with > last
defines	presents	to begin > at the same time > finally
demonstrates	recommends	
describes	suggests	