



The Summary – Syllabus

Course Description: Good summarizing skills are beneficial to so many kinds of writing. This course will introduce your student to the basics of creating a summary. Students will learn how to read a text, search for details, determine the main idea, express these ideas in their own words, and finally rewrite an original in fewer words: in a summary!

Course Outline:

Week One: What Is a Summary?

Week Two: The Main Idea

Week Three: The Most Important Details

Week Four: In Your Own Words

Week Five: Writing Concisely

Week Six: A Longer Text

Week Seven: Outlining the Summary

Week Eight: The Final Summary

Grading Information: All assignments will be graded using the *The Beginning Writer* grading rubric and averaged to receive a final course grade.