

Checklist for Magnet Summary

Magnet Summary map:

___ I made a magnet summary map first: really important details and topic sentence (big/controlling idea.)

Written Summary:

___ I included the title and author.

___ I have a topic sentence/focusing sentence that tells the main (controlling) idea.

___ I have at least three important details that link to (support) the main (controlling) idea.

___ My summary has a logical order, with some transition words to help it flow smoothly.

___ I used OK conventions/GUM .

Bonus:

___ I included a comment or reflection that linked to the main/controlling idea.

Magnet Summaries for Informational Text: Five Steps!

1. Read the text once. Think: what is this all about? (what's the magnet or big/controlling idea?)
2. Read it again, noting the key details that are drawn to the big idea. Jot down the magnet/big or controlling idea (a sentence) and key details on the Magnet Summary MAP
3. Number the details in the order that makes most sense.
4. Write your summary including the title and author, controlling idea sentence, key details, (using transition words to help it flow smoothly!) and a comment or reflection.
5. Read the summary over to see if it makes sense; revise as needed. Use the checklist to check your summary and make further changes if needed.

Could be a magnet/big idea (controlling idea)	Probably NOT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>Tears can actually make us feel better, for a number of reasons.</i> * <i>The war on terrorism has had a major impact on several aspects of our society.</i> * <i>One-celled organisms may be small but they are not simple.</i> * * * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * <i>When we cry, endomorphins are absorbed into the nasal cavity</i> * <i>The war against terrorism has had an influence on airport, as many airline travelers can tell because of long waits in line.</i> * <i>The size of one celled organisms might range from ___ to ____.</i> * * *