

STEP ONE: Remember that a summary gives the main points of a text but not the details. In the boxes below, list important details from the text, and then write a sentence that tells what those details are about. This will help you summarize the central ideas from the text in the order they appear.

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*Sentence that summarizes:*

CENTRAL IDEA #2*Details:*

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*Sentence that summarizes:*

CENTRAL IDEA #3*Details:*

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*Sentence that summarizes:*

CENTRAL IDEA #4

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Sentence that summarizes:

STEP TWO: Create a clear topic sentence using the S "T" A r t strategy. Your topic sentence will look something like this:

In the Shoreside Report article "Deep Waters," Michelle Ameen discusses concerns about rising sea levels.

Source *"Title"* *Author* *right verb* *topic*

In _____

Source: magazine, newspaper, book

article _____

"Title" of the article in quotes

Author

Insert the *right verb*, such as: describes, explains, suggests, argues, interviews, insists, discusses, claims, recommends

topic (a few words that describe the subject)