

Strategy Group Planning Form

Students:	Strategy: Summarize (Informational Text)
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Introduction: Readers, you've been doing a lot of hard work learning from nonfiction texts. Today I want to teach you how to summarize the important information you are reading so that you can share your learning with others.

Teach:

One way readers can summarize their learning is after reading a section jot the section's main idea. Next, reread to find information that supports that idea. After finding a piece of information that goes with the main idea, ask, "How so?" Then jot down the answer.

Let me show you how I do this with the text, *Up From Slavery* by Lauren Tarshis. After I read the part of this text called "A Piece of Property," I determined that the main idea was that Booker was not treated like a person. With that main idea in mind I can reread the section and find the information that fits with it. One thing I read is that Booker did not know his birthday. Does that support the main idea? Not exactly by itself. I could add onto it by saying that no one knew when he was born. But I don't know if that is even true because I didn't read it in the text and I don't want to make things up. Let me keep reading. Here is some information *to slave owners the birth of a slave was no different than the birth of a cattle*. Does that fit with what I think this section is mostly about. Yes, absolutely. How so? Well, Booker didn't know his exact birthday because for people who owned slaves their birth was no different than the birth of a cattle. The answer to "How so?" is in my own words, it's my own explanation, it's not something from the text.

Students Application:

Now it is your turn, you are going to summarize your learning after reading a section by jotting the section's main idea. Next, you will reread to find information that goes with that idea. Then ask yourself, "How so?" write the answer to that question down. You are going to do this for the whole section. Once you have, you can put all your information together to create a summary.

Prompts:

- *Keep the main idea in mind as you reread this section to find related information.*
- *Explain how that information backs up the main idea.*
- *Yes, that's the main idea and one piece of information, now explain: "This information fits with the main idea because..."*
- *Yes! All the information you listed from this part fits with the main idea.*

Closure: While reading informational text it is important that we are able to summarize what we learned in our own words to teach others. Remember after reading a section by jot the section's main idea. Then, reread the section to find information that goes with that idea. Finally ask yourself, "How so?" and write down the answer. Put it all together to create a summary of the text.