



Writing a summary

A summary is a brief paragraph or two that tells the main points of a book, story, news article, or even movie.

What should I include in a summary?

1. The title, author and illustrator (if known)
2. The genre (short story, drama, biography, autobiography etc.)
3. The setting of the story (where and when it takes place)
4. The main characters
5. The problem or main events that the main character is dealing with and details as to why it is a problem or why they are going through the event(s).
6. Some details of main events that are important to the story.

In the end,

You may or may not give away the ending of the story depending on the reason you are writing. For the purposes of a classroom assignment it is a good idea to tell if the main characters succeed in solving the problem or fail to do so.