

One-Paragraph Summary Rubric

| | Excellent – 5 | Good – 4 | Average - 3 | Needs Improvement – 2 |
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| Structure <i>Does your summary start with a topic sentence that includes the name of the author and article, the publication date, and the main idea of the article?</i> | Your paragraph starts with a topic sentence that includes the name of the author and article, the publication date, and the main idea of the article. | Your paragraph starts with a topic sentence that includes the name of the author and article and the main idea of the article. However, the date of publication is omitted. | Your paragraph starts with a topic sentence that includes the main idea of the article. However, it omits the name of the author or article and/or the publication date. | Your paragraph does not start with a topic sentence that includes the name of the author and article, and the publication date, it did not contain the main idea of the article, and/or the main idea was incorrect. |
| Main Points <i>Do you include only those main points necessary for summarizing the article? Do you use your own words?</i> | Your paragraph includes only main points that are necessary for summarizing the article and is written using your own words. | Your paragraph includes mostly necessary main points, but some information is not needed. You mostly used your own words. | Your paragraph includes too much unnecessary information or not enough information to give a good summary, and/or you must use your own words more. | Your paragraph must summarize the article. It should not have too much or too little information, and/or you must use your own words. |
| Sentences <i>Do you use a variety of sentences? Do you use transitions to link ideas?</i> | The sentences in your paragraph are strong and varied in structure, with transitions that clearly link ideas. | The sentences in your paragraph are mostly clear and varied, with transitions that adequately link ideas. | Your writing is clear but could use more sentence variety. There is room for improvement, including better transitions. | Your writing needs to be clear so that it is easy to follow; It must be better organized with clearer transitions. |
| Mechanics <i>Did you check your spelling, punctuation, and capitalization? Did you look for other errors?</i> | You have no spelling, punctuation, or capitalization errors. | You have one spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. | You have two spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. | You have three or more spelling, punctuation, and/or capitalization errors. |