

The Summary Paragraph

of a Reading Response Essay

The Purpose of the Summary Paragraph

- ▶ To take **key ideas** from a source text
- ▶ To **condense** the source text in writing for the reader
- ▶ To help readers understand **the author's main points**

The Structure of the Summary Paragraph

- ▶ It starts with a **topic sentence**
- ▶ The topic sentence is followed by **supporting ideas**
- ▶ It **restates** the author's **main ideas**
- ▶ It **describes supporting ideas** from the text in your own words
- ▶ It provides **details** from the text such as **examples** and **short quotes** that **support** the main idea

The Summary Paragraph

- ▶ **Do not** include your own opinion about the author's ideas
- ▶ **Be objective**
- ▶ **Do not** include ideas from the text that are irrelevant
- ▶ **Do not** use emotional language
- ▶ **Be neutral and avoid** overly strong words

References

- ▶ 1. Asplin, W., Jacobse, M. F., Kennedy, A. S., & Lambert, J. (2015). *Final Draft Level 4 Student's Book* (1st ed.). Cambridge University Press.