

Summary Template

You may use this template to write the summary of the story. You do not have to use the exact words that are in the template; adjust it to meet your needs. The template provides a very basic summary format. I hope that when you are more familiar with the assignment, you will develop your own style, while still including the basic required information.

The _____ by _____
(Genre of the story) (Title of the story using correct quotes or underlining)

_____ takes place in _____
(Author's name, spelled correctly) (Where most of the story is set)

during _____. It tells the story of _____
(When most of the story occurs)

_____, a _____ who wants to _____
(Main "good" char.) (An appositive, tells who char. is)

_____.
(Describe the conflict, problem, goal, "want" of the main character)

He/She must fight against _____, a _____
(Main "bad" character) (An appositive, tells who character is)

in order to achieve this goal. First, _____
(Tell the beginning of the story. Make sure you are using words that get
across the mood of the story. Was it suspenseful? Sad? Scary? Joyful? Funny? Pick words that will convey that.)

Then, _____
(Tell the next event – you can combine events together if needed)

After that, _____
(Tell what happened next)

Next, _____
(Keep going! Tell what else happened)

Finally, _____
(Now tell what happened at the climax of the story. Try to capture the excitement by using
strong verbs and brief, but detailed, description)

As the story ends, _____
(tell the very end, the resolution, also known as the denouement)