

Steps for Summarizing Expository Text

Student Guide Sheet

- **Carefully read the text. Remember to look at the text feature to help you find main ideas and important information. Write notes about main ideas below.**

- **Think about key words from the article. List a few key words below. These words should be included in your summary.**

- **Think about the author's purpose, in other words, why did the author write the text?**

- to inform
- to persuade
- to entertain

- **Write your summary on the next page. Remember:**

- Delete trivia
- Delete repeated information
- Collapse lists
- Choose or create a topic sentence.

- **Read over your summary. Check to make sure that it includes the important information. Remember, do not include your own opinion-only the opinion of the author.**

- **Rate your summary.**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

Text Features in Magazine Articles

_____ **Record information about your article.**

Title of Magazine _____

Date _____

Article Name _____

Author _____

_____ **Preview the article. Make a list of text features that you notice.**

_____ **Complete the ratings below.**

_____ **How much do you already know about the topic?**

•Very little

•Some

• A great deal

_____ **Are you interested in the topic?**

•No

•A little

• Very interested

_____ **Read the article. On another sheet of paper, write a summary of the article.**

_____ **Go back to the text features you found before you read. Think about the purpose of each feature.**

_____ **Categorize the text features on the chart below.**

(Some text features could go in more than one column.)

Text features that highlight main ideas	Text features that highlight important details	Text features that explain	Text features that add information