

Project 1 – The Summary

This assignment requires 500 words, or about 2 pages, for 10 points.

Purpose: To read actively and then prepare a two-page summary of an article in Section 5 Collection of Readings from *Read, Reason, Write*.

Audience: Your instructor and your peers.

The Assignment

Read actively as discussed in our text, *Read, Reason, Write*, and prepare a 500-word summary. Your readers need an accurate and balanced but much shorter version of the original because they will not be reading the original piece. Explain not only what the writer's main ideas are but also how the writer develops her essay. That is, what kind of research supports the article's thesis? Pay close attention to your word choice.

Assignment Goals

The goals of this assignment are as follows:

1. Demonstrate your ability to fulfill the assignment requirements by reading actively and composing a clear, accurate, and well-organized summary.
2. Demonstrate your ability to follow a writing process of your choice to compose a college-level paper that uses the MLA, APA, or CMS citation style accurately.

The Format

This paper *must* adhere to MLA, APA, or CMS guidelines and must be around 500 words in length. Create a citation page and please follow MLA, APA, or CMS standards for in-text citation—you will be paraphrasing for this summary but also providing the occasional direct quote. The paper will be titled, typed in 12 point Times New Roman (or similar font), double-spaced, with 1 inch margins all the way around. See the summary discussion in chapter 1 of *Read, Reason, Write* for more information.

Grammar/mechanics rubric: for every 5 errors, I will deduct 1 point.

At the top of page 1, please type the following statement and sign your name: "I understand and will uphold the ideals of academic honesty as stated in the Honor Code."

Paper 1 Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to help you write/edit your paper:

_____ Introduction paragraph provides the author's name, title of the piece, source and date of publication, as well as an overview of the topic and conclusions discussed in the article

- _____ Transition connect different ideas in the body of the paper
- _____ Topic sentences are clear and announce the information that follows
- _____ Paraphrased examples summarize the original article's information in each paragraph; direct quotes are cited correctly
- _____ Structure generally follows the organization of the original article and does not jump around
- _____ Conclusion wraps up summary without repeating introduction verbatim

Revision

From Projects 1 and 2, you may choose **one** paper to revise. Your revision will be due on our final exam day. You may not use the revision due date as an extension for this paper.