

Scaffolding Summarization

- Work with short segments of text and gradually increase to larger sections.
- Write the main ideas on slips of paper or sticky notes for students to move around in steps 1–4 (list, underline, combine, and number).
- Allow students to select the best summary from a set of options.
- Provide templates with completed portions of the summary and portions containing blanks to be filled in by students.
- When necessary, return to modeling how to write summaries.
- Slowly transfer the responsibility for summarizing to students.