

## Writing an Academic Summary

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### I. What do we Put in a Summary?

- The Main Point of a text. (Authors thesis)
  - Important quotes or references
  - Title of work + Authors name
  - The Significance of the text
- a. **No Personal Opinions**
- How the author supported an idea.

### II. The Academic Summary

#### I. What is the authors main point or argument?

a. IN [title], [Author] argues that...

Use own words - NO quotes!

First, use Full name. After, use last.

#### 2. How does the author support the Main Point or argument?

a. Shlovesky draws a Distinction between recognition and really seeing...

b. Shlovesky Cites writing by author Leo Tolstoy to support..

#### 3. Why did the author write the text?

The Point of an academic Summary is to explain text so the reader will understand it w/o having to read the original. Be specific! Don't use a lot of quotes!