Write Clearly

CCSSW5. Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach.

A sentence communicates one thing. A paragraph is a collection of sentences that communicate one main idea. This activity challenges you to write a summary on a topic based on your science or social studies reading.

Choose one topic from your book.

Topic: ______________________________________

List important words about that topic from the book.

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Figure out what the main idea of your summary is. Write that idea in the first box.

Then write one paragraph. Make sure you:

• Keep the focus—that the sentences all relate to the main idea.
• Provide supporting Information.
• Have a clearly organized paragraph—that the first sentence introduces it, that the next sentences continue to inform your reader, and that the last sentence pulls the paragraph together.
• Edit your paragraph to make sure that your spelling and punctuation are correct.

Good writing is clear thinking.

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