

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.

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.