

## Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6–12

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### Grades 6–8 students:

#### Key Ideas and Details

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2. Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; provide an accurate summary of the text distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
3. Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

#### Craft and Structure

4. Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to *grades 6–8 texts and topics*.
5. Analyze the structure an author uses to organize a text, including how the major sections contribute to the whole and to an understanding of the topic.
6. Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text.

#### Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

7. Integrate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text with a version of that information expressed visually (e.g., in a flowchart, diagram, model, graph, or table).
8. Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.
9. Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

#### Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

### Grades 9–10 students:

1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.
2. Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.
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10. By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 9–10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

### Grades 11–12 students:

1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to important distinctions the author makes and to any gaps or inconsistencies in the account.

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7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

8. Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science or technical text, verifying the data when possible and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources of information.

9. Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

10. By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 11–CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**Materials**

Text: Animals Clones: Double Trouble  
Materials: Handout – Animal Clones

**Direct Explanation**

Explain what the strategy is and why and when to use it.

**What:** *“Today we will use the strategy of summarizing while reading the article on cloning called Animal Clones: Double Trouble. When summarizing you determine what the important ideas are in a passage. You then take those big ideas and put them into your own words. You want to keep the summary short, somewhere around 15 to 25 words.”*

**Why:** *“It’s important to be able to summarize because it helps you understand and remember the information better.”*

**When:** *“Summarizing can be used with anything you read, anytime you want to answer the question, “What is this mainly about? What information is the most important?”*

**How:** *“To summarize while reading, it’s good to break the reading into sections, determine the important parts of each section, and then put the ideas together.”*

**Model or Demonstrate**

Show how to use the strategy.

**Model:**

**\*Place text on document camera, give students a copy of the text, then show how you might break it up into sections**

*“When looking at the passage, I note where the subtitle and paragraph breaks are to determine where I want to divide it into sections. I’m going to break this one after each couple of paragraphs since they are not too long.” “Next, I stop after each section and think who/what is this basically about and what is that who or what doing? In my head I might even turn it around and ask what’s happening and who or what is it happening to? Or I could ask: • Why is this information important? • If I could only remember a few things from this reading, what would I want to remember so I could explain it to someone else, especially a younger kid? Then I underline or highlight what answers my questions. I need to make sure I underline only the key concept or words. They should be the ones that seem to connect to the interesting details in the passage. Now I’m going to write a few key words out to the side about what I underlined A fancy name for writing out to the side is called annotating. Before I write, I determine how I might condense some of the highlighted information into my own words.*

**\*Read first section aloud and model think aloud**

*“Have you ever had....Already scientists have cloned 11 kinds of animals, including sheep cows, pigs, mice, and horses. What’s happening in this section, and whom is it happening to? It says, drink milk, eat meat from cloned animals and clones are genetic copies created in a lab. Those are the main words that seem to connect all the interesting details together.*

**Model continued: \*Write condensed words out to the**

**side of the section – okay to eat cloned food - read the next section and do the same as before** “We have only read and annotated the first two sections of this article. The goal for today is for you to summarize the whole article by combining all your annotations into a written 15 -25 word - summary. It’s important to write a summary because it helps you realize what you have learned from the whole piece of reading. It also helps you retain the information better and is a visual record of your thinking. But before you do let me show you the thinking involved when combining annotations. First I look at my annotated notes - U.S. says okay to eat cloned food. Genetic copies of animals are made in labs, people worried. Then I ask myself what’s most important to remember? I might write -U.S. says genetic copies of animals are okay to eat. But people are worried because cloning is not very successful. That is 17 words if you don’t count of, to, as, 20 if you do. It’s important to put my summary into your own words as this shows how much you really understand.”

“Read the next section silently, then in pairs find the key points and highlight them. Decide together what you will write out to the side. If you finish before I call time you can discuss what you would write in 15 – 25 words using everything we have read and annotated so far.”

**\*Teacher monitors student work, allows sharing, and gives feedback.**

**\*Students will practice independently with the rest of the article. Teacher monitors student work. After the summaries are written allow students to share.** “Now that you are through reading, highlighting and annotating on your own, share with neighbor what you highlighted/annotated. If you want you can add to your key points or delete some after sharing. Then by yourself take all you annotations – think about what is most important to know and write your summary in a sentence or sentences. Remember when you finish you should have no more than 15 – 25 words. You don’t have to count the a, the, to, in, etc.”

**Guided Practice**

Scaffold the use of the strategy.

**Apply**

Use the strategy



## Animal Clones: Double Trouble?

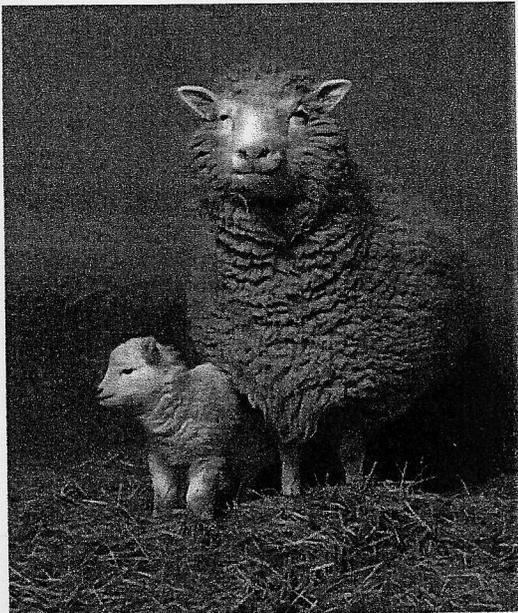
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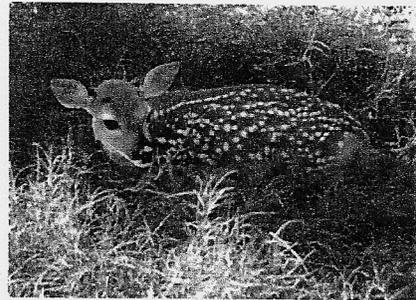
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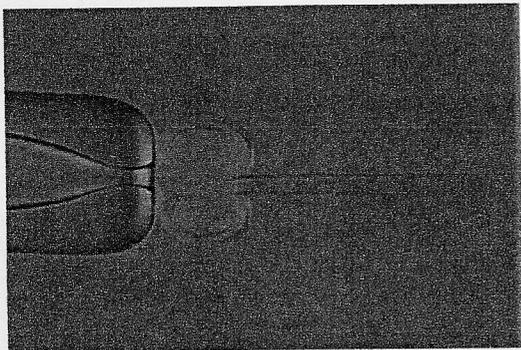
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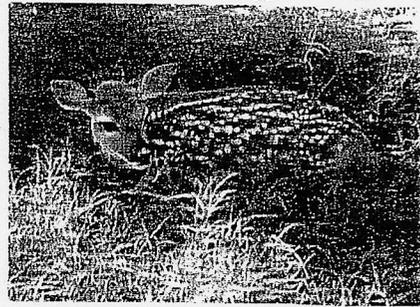
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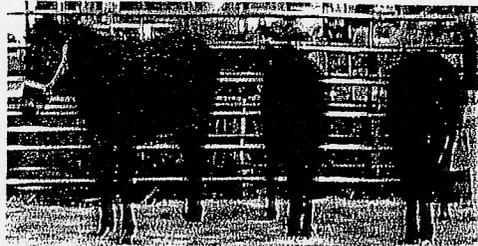
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## **Guidelines for Summarization Activity**

### **-While Reading:**

- Stop after each section
- Highlight what you think is key to understanding the text
- Write a few words out to the side of the most important information concerning topic

### **-After Reading:**

- Share with neighbor – what you highlighted/annotated
- Add to your key points or delete some after discussion
- Write a summary in 15 – 25 words

# GIST

## **Model the Strategy:**

- Ask students to read a short selected text passage.
- Model the GIST strategy using the first sentence of a paragraph from the selected passage. Summarize the sentence for students in 15 words or less. (Model the process of selecting, deleting, condensing by combining or substituting...)
- Now show the second sentence of the same paragraph and summarize both sentences in 15 words or less.
- Continue this procedure, one sentence at a time, until you have summarized the entire paragraph in 15 words or less.
- Repeat this procedure with other paragraphs until students understand the basic process.

## **Guided Practice:**

Students may work with partners or in small groups as they practice the strategy.

- Show students the first sentence of a selected paragraph, and ask them to retell it in 15 words or less. Write their summary on the chalkboard or overhead as they dictate and edit it as a group. (Remember to use short, simple text passages for modeling and initial practice.)
- Now show the second sentence of the paragraph. Erase their first summary statement and ask students to summarize both sentences in 15 words or less.
- Continue this procedure, one sentence at a time, until the group has summarized the entire paragraph in 15 words or less.
- Repeat this procedure, sentence-by-sentence, with other paragraphs until students become adept.
- Once students understand the sentence-by-sentence procedure, have them practice summarizing entire paragraphs in 15 words or less.

Remember that this process, though basic, is NOT simple. As with other reading processes, students need to be shown how to summarize and need continual, long-term practice in order to effectively add summarizing to their repertoire of reading strategies.

## **Independent Practice:**

Students should continue to practice the GIST strategy (over time) with increasingly complex materials until they are adept at using the strategy independently.

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## Paragraph Summary

## **Springdale Content Framework:**

- **Set objective clearly -2-3minutes**
- **Hook –interesting video, article, question, anticipation guide, picture – 5min.**
- **Mini-lecture (Content based) 8 – 10 min.**
- **Focused Reading Assignment (short & teacher points out where to focus and where they might have trouble reading- students are told what to look for and purpose for reading) – 10 - 12 min.**
- **Writing Task assigned – teacher models, shows examples – 5 min.**
- **Students work on assignment – 10 min.**
- **Wrap-up – 3 min.**

**Thinking involved in designing a lesson: ( always vary hooks, types of writing tasks, and reading assignments)**

- **Determine key (absolutes) concepts must learn**
- **Determine how to make objective clear**
- **Find hook to solidify, stimulate learning of objective**
- **Determine what has to be read to solidify learning**
- **Determine what might give students trouble while reading**
- **Determine what students must pay attention to while reading**
- **Determine writing task to solidify learning**
- **Determine skills needed/examples to use/or how much modeling for creating student capacity for completing writing task**
- **Determine how class time will be segmented**
- **Double check to make sure variety throughout class period**

<p><b>Materials</b></p> <p><b>Direct Explanation</b> Explain <u>what</u> the strategy is and <u>why</u> and <u>when</u> to use it.</p> <p><b>Model or Demonstrate</b> Show <u>how</u> to use the strategy.</p> <p><b>Guided Practice</b> Scaffold the use of the strategy.</p> <p><b>Apply</b> Use the strategy</p>	<p><u>Text:</u></p> <p><u>What:</u> Today we will practice <u>Why:</u> This help us be better readers by understanding the text better?</p> <p><u>How:</u> Use explicit language to explain your thinking as you apply the strategy. Embedded in text. Model recording thinking in writing, One or two quick examples.</p> <p>In pairs practice highlight key points – write notes out to the side, then write summary of 15-25 words Teacher gives feedback to pairs</p> <p>Practice highlight key point- write notes out to the side, write summary of 15-25 words – independently If time permits teacher gives feedback</p>
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