**How to Write an Effective Summary**

* Introduce the text by stating the title, pages read, and author.
* Provide a brief outline of what the text is about. Be sure to include:
  + Main character*(s)*
  + Setting *(where the story takes place)*
  + Basic plot *(what is the story about)*
  + Problem *(if there is one)*
* Clearly explain the theme or main idea. Remember, theme is the message the author wants you to take away.
* Include the most important details to support the theme or main idea. These details should be evidence from the text.
* A sentence that “wraps up” your paragraph, known as a clincher.

Be sure to write your paragraph in complete sentences using capitals and end marks. All sentences should include a subject and a predicate.