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How to do a summary:

- Look for the topic sentence
- Look for who, what, when, where, why, and how

Summary stems:

- This text is mostly about ...
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- The author is trying to tell me...

A framed summary sentence:

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