

# Writing a Summary

This Five Finger and Hand (5 W and H) activity will help you organize information to write a summary paragraph. Select a newspaper article about something that happened. Read the article. Then follow the steps below to write your summary.

- \* Find and highlight answers to *Who/What? When? and Where?* Write this information in the thumb and fingers. Use this information to write a beginning sentence of your summary.
- \* Return to the article to find the *Why?* or cause of the event. Write this in the next finger. Use this information to write the second sentence of your summary.

**What happened and who was involved?**

**When did it happen?**

**Where did it take place?**

**Why did it happen?**

**How are those involved affected?**

**Summary**

- \* Next, look for the *How?* Write this in the last finger. Use this for the third sentence.
- \* Reread your summary to make sure you included the 5Ws and H.
- \* Add a fourth sentence about your prediction of what will happen next. Base your prediction on facts in the story.

(Suggestion to teacher: Pair this activity with the Prediction Tree organizer.)

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1. I read a newspaper article about something that happened.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I found and highlighted answers to the 5Ws and H questions, and wrote this information on the hand organizer.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I used this information to write a three-sentence summary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I made a prediction about what I think will happen next, based on the facts in the article.	<input type="checkbox"/>