

HAMBURGER PARAGRAPH

Directions

Using a newspaper article and the hamburger visual organizer, develop a one-paragraph summary.

In the first sentence, talk about the most important or key information in the article. Then in sentences two, three and four, add details that help support the first sentence. In the final sentence, conclude or end the paragraph with a final statement that reinforces the beginning.

This is called a hamburger paragraph because the top and bottom sentences are similar and cover the topic in broad terms like buns cover a hamburger. The inner sentences are like the ingredients in the middle of a hamburger. They are there to fill the hamburger with substance.

Main Idea:

Detail:

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Concluding Sentence:

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Self-Check

1. I selected an appropriate newspaper article to read, took notes on the article and used these notes to write a summary paragraph.

2. I wrote a topic sentence for the first sentence in my hamburger.

3. I followed my topic sentence with at least three additional sentences that bring support to sentence one.

4. I finished my hamburger paragraph with a concluding or summary sentence.