

Rhetoric 1105-041
Summarizing Assignment & Citation: Total worth (25%)
Due: May 18, 2011
Pre-reading Questions & In-Class Paraphrase worth: 12.5%
Summary and Citation worth: 12.5%

Find an article from the University of Winnipeg library data base. For example if you want to write on schizophrenia then find an article on the subject and narrow that search to an article that discusses the origins or causes of the disease. Perhaps you want to find an article on climate change and then narrow that search to a discussion on fossil fuels. Once you find the subject and an article and narrow your subject you must answer all of the pre-reading questions first before you begin to write your summary.

How to find articles. There are two options:

Option One:

1. Go to the library computers and click on Library
2. Search for Journals and Articles on the Database A-Z
3. Click the letter M and locate the MLA search engine.
4. Click on MLA international Bibliography
5. Find articles by book titles or under author or by subject. Type in the author's name in the search line or the title of the book or the subject in which you are interested. If you are interested in the theme of censorship for example and the author Susan Sontag, then type in Sontag and censorship. You need the word "and" in order to locate the subject properly.

Option Two: You do not have to use the MLA database for your research, and if you prefer another engine, then you can choose any other Database to search for a secondary source or simply use books from our own library catalogue.

Your job is to eventually write and complete a three (3) paragraph summary (12 point font, double-spaced) on any subject area that you are interested. In paragraph one you must summarize the author's background, context and his or her main arguments from the article.

In the second paragraph of your summary you must discuss the strategies and organizational features and ask yourself to whom the author is appealing. You can choose three (3) points from the organizational section of the workbook.

The third paragraph should reiterate the main points that you mention in your introduction and address the rhetorical concerns: who is the community of readers and what impact does the author make on the reader. *Do not respond to the author's claims, arguments, comparisons or analyses. This paper is a **summary** and not a critique or response paper.* Your job is to interpret the work without changing the author's meaning.

Finally you must use the different techniques of paraphrasing and quoting that we will go over in class directly in the paper to complete the assignment. More specifically your summary must include the following elements:

1. Two paraphrased sentences
2. A long quotation in block form
3. A sentence-length quotation
4. A short snippet-sized quotation
5. Square brackets to signify an alteration of the original
6. Ellipsis marks to omit unnecessary words

Remember to properly cite your work using MLA format and include a Works Cited.