

Pre-Draft 2.3: Essay Summary

This exercise is intended to help you focus on exactly what your essay is about. It assumes that you have a partial draft or outline of your essay ready to hand.

Examine your essay (or your essay outline) and write **one sentence** summing up **each paragraph** of the essay. You should wind up with as many sentences as there are paragraphs of the essay (for example, a traditional 5-paragraph essay will end up with 5 sentences). For parts of the essay still unwritten, speculate -- what do you think those paragraphs will be about?

You will end up with a list of sentences which should follow the arguments of your essay fairly closely and serve as a "reduction" or summary of the essay.

Mark the thesis sentence and the conclusion sentence as such.

Type up and print out your sentences. You will only need one copy.

Due 10/7