

The Summary Vault

Central Idea & Author's Argument

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. Which sentence does NOT belong in a summary?

- (A) The article explains how bees pollinate crops.
- (B) I loved this article so much!
- (C) The author describes three causes of bee loss.
- (D) According to the text, farmers depend on bees.

2. A summary should include...

- (A) every detail
- (B) the central idea and key details
- (C) the reader's opinion
- (D) only the title

Read: "Our town should add bike lanes on Main Street. Last year, 14 cyclists were hit by cars there. In Carmel, crashes fell 30% after bike lanes were added. Bike lanes are the coolest thing ever. Some people say lanes will take away parking. However, the city has 200 empty spaces in the nearby garage."

3. Evaluate the argument: What is the claim, which evidence is strongest, and which sentence is unsupported? Use evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(B) I loved this article so much!	1 point
2	(B) the central idea and key details	1 point
3	R: The argument's claim is that the town should add bike lanes on Main Street. A: The strongest evidence is the Carmel statistic, and the unsupported sentence is "Bike lanes are the coolest thing ever." C: The author writes, "In Carmel, crashes fell 30% after bike lanes were added," but also says "Bike lanes are the coolest thing ever." E: This shows the Carmel fact is specific and relevant because it proves lanes make streets safer, while "coolest thing ever" is only an opinion with no evidence.	3 points: States the claim; Picks the 30% statistic (or 14 cyclists) as strong; Identifies the opinion sentence.