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What belongs in a summary?

When we summarize, we don't include every detail. Instead, we look for the most important facts.

We ask:

- What's new that I'm learning here?
- How does this connect to the main idea of the article or book?
- Do I need to remember all of this to get the point?



Happy to Be Herself

Tennis player Serena Williams is no longer bothered by being compared to her sister Venus. Sisters Serena and Venus have been the top women's tennis players in the world. Off the court, Venus designs clothes and sneakers. Serena helped build a school in Africa. News reporters sometimes comment on Serena's full, athletic figure. The comments aren't always kind.

In an interview, Serena said she's happy now to be herself. Growing up, Serena wanted to be just like older sister Venus. She wanted to be tall like Venus and have Venus's model-like figure. She even tried to wear Venus's clothes. By the time she was 23, Serena says, she was okay with who she really was. "Since I don't look like every other girl, it takes a while to be okay with that. To be different. But different is good."

Source: Laura Brown, "Serena's Grand Slam." *Harper's Bazaar*, July 3, 2010.

What do you think is the main point of this article?

Check off facts that support the main point.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> It doesn't bother Serena now when people compare her to Venus. | <input type="checkbox"/> Venus is the older sister. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serena designs sneakers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Serena says, "Different is good." |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serena says she is okay with her looks. | |