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## What belongs in a summary?



When we summarize, we don't include every detail in a passage that we have read. Instead, we look for the most important information.

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?



Read this paragraph from page 25 of *The Murder of Emmett Till*.

Despite convincing evidence, an all-white, all-male jury acquitted Bryant and Milam on September 23. African Americans and women could not serve on juries at that time. Before reaching their verdict, the jurors were warned by the court to think about what the country's Founding Fathers would think if they found Bryant and Milam guilty of murder. The jury decided their verdict in just over an hour, which included a soda break.



With your classmates, summarize this paragraph using the 5 Ws.

WHO is this about? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT did he/she do?  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHEN did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

WHY did this happen?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Now underline the information in the paragraph that you included in the summary.

→ What do you notice about where that information was found?  
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