

Cornell Motes

Summarizing Complex Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.RST.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

| Cues | Notes |
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| What is summarizing? | Summarizing is condensing information into a brief overview. |
| Why is it important? | It helps in understanding and communicating complex information. |
| How to identify central ideas? | Central ideas are the main points or arguments in a text. |
| What is paraphrasing? | Paraphrasing means restating information in your own words. |
| Common misconceptions? | Misconception 1: Summarizing is copying text verbatim. |
| | Misconception 2: Summarizing means oversimplifying text. |

Summary

Summarizing involves condensing complex information into simpler terms while retaining key details. It is essential for effectively communicating and understanding sophisticated texts.