

Comprehension Worksheet 1: Gr 4-6

Summarize and Synthesize

To summarize is to tell the story in your own words. When we read to study we also have to be able to summarize what we read. How can we do this?

Find the MAIN IDEAS. Any passage has different ideas in it. As soon as you read about a new idea... Ask yourself... what is this about? Your answer will be the MAIN IDEA! Describe the main idea with supporting facts. You can use your own words... you do not have to use the words in the passage!

To synthesize is to put all these ideas into a new whole... almost like building a jigsaw puzzle.

1. Read the underlined sentences.
2. Do you know all the words? If not Google them or look them up in a dictionary.
3. Now ask questions... what do you want to know about manners? Use the words **who? where? when? why? what? and how?**
4. Predict what is going to happen in the passage....
5. Now read the passage and write the MAIN IDEA next to each paragraph... remember, ask what is this about. Write it in your OWN words
6. Highlight the supporting facts in the paragraph.
7. Now take all the Main Ideas and write 5 sentences to say what this passage is about!



Manners

All over the world mothers and fathers teach their children manners. In many parts of the world children are taught different manners to ours. Those children do not have manners like you have. Theirs are different and there are all kinds of manners.

Many years ago, children who had good manners were seen and not heard. They kept quiet when grownups were talking. Today well-mannered children have more freedom. Sometimes, what you may consider good manners may not be considered good manners in other countries or cultures.

If you visit the land of Mongolia you may be invited to eat with them. What kind of manners will they expect from you? When you have finished eating they will expect you to give a "burp". Burping shows that you have enjoyed your meal.

In some countries burping is considered very impolite. If you accidentally burp, you are taught to say, "Excuse me please".

In many countries of the world it is accepted to eat together. In Polynesia

it is bad manners to be seen eating at all. People show their good manners by turning their backs on others while they eat.

In an East African town their good manners would appear most impolite to us. If you see a friend sitting down outside his home and he appears not to see you, he is only being polite by not greeting you. If you are being polite you will sit down beside him and wait until he finishes what he is doing before you may speak to him.

If you visit a friend in Arabia, you will find that he lives in a tent and not in a house. You should walk behind the other tents until you come to his tent. If you pass by in front of the other tents, you will be asked inside to each one. The people will ask you to eat with them. It will be considered bad manners if you refuse.

Manners are different all over the world. It is good to know that all manners began in the same way. People needed ways to show that they respect you and want to be friends by showing good manners.



Well done! Use this method to summarize and synthesize your work THROUGHOUT the year. This will help you to use what you know, connect it to what you are learning now, and look for what you need to know!