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What is an objective summary?

- ▶ Focuses on the main idea and only the details that support it
- ▶ Brief
- ▶ Accurate
- ▶ Objective
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What to Avoid in an Objective Summary

- ▶ Do not copy any part of the original source.
- ▶ Is not long and detailed
- ▶ Does not include any opinions or reactions

What should a complete paragraph include?

- ▶ At least five – 8 sentences:
- ▶ Main Idea sentence
- ▶ Most important idea of original source

- ▶ Three supporting detail sentences
- ▶ Three details that relate to and support the main idea with textual evidence from the original source
- ▶ A summarizing sentence