



Reading for Content (Reference)

Thinking Process	Parts of the Summary:
<p>1. Identify the larger topic or focus. Every work starts with a general topic or focus. Usually a writer is motivated to say something about this topic, which can be a social issue or debate.</p>	<p>Describe the basic topic or focus of a work.</p>
<p>2. Identify the main idea. Every work has, at its core, one main idea. This idea is the thing the author most wants us to understand.</p>	<p>Then identify the main idea -- what the author has to say about that topic.</p>
<p>3. Map the key points. Every work is developed in a set of key points. Each of these points is offered because it helps us understand the author's main idea.</p>	<p>And finally list the key points the author offers to develop that main idea.</p>