



# Summarize Synthesize

Good readers will construct meaning from what they read by gaining a new perspective or thought.

## Beginning Strategies to Synthesizing

- Retell
  - Give a detailed account of what was read in sequential order.
  - Represents literal comprehension
- Summarize
  - Tell the important points
  - Tell it in a logical and concise manner. Be brief but thorough.
  - Put it in the reader's own words
    - Avoid plagiarism
  - Involves critical thinking

## Synthesize

- Add pieces of information together to construct meaning
  - Utilize
    - Connections (text-self, text to text, text to world)
    - Questions
    - Inferring
    - Determining importance
  - Generate
    - Additional understanding to what you already know
    - Gain a new perspective or new way of thinking
- After summarizing information from multiple sources, readers add their interpretations to the facts. In synthesizing, readers give the ideas and information significance and meaning.

Donald Graves believes that "writing a report is the ultimate act of synthesis."

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