

Lesson Title: Summarizing Poetry Designer: Bria Wright
Discipline: Literacy Grade Level: 4-5

Activity 1: Practicing Summary Skills with “A Dreamer’s Dream”
(Appropriate for DURING the Broadcast Lesson)

Activity Goal: Summarizing a poem

Targeted Literacy Skills: Summarizing

Materials:

- “A Dreamer’s Dream” poem - stanza 2
- Pencil
- Paper

Steps:

1. Read stanza 2 of “A Dreamer’s Dream” poem.
2. Use your close reading skills to summarize the main points of stanza 2 of A Dreamer’s Dream Poem.
3. Write down your summary points on your paper.

Activity 2: Practicing Summary in Everyday Reading!
(Appropriate for DURING the Broadcast Lesson)

Activity Goal: Summarizing a text

Targeted Literacy Skills: Summarizing

Materials:

- Any fiction text
- Pencil
- Paper

Steps:

1. Read any fiction text or passage.
2. Think about what the main points of the text/passage are.
3. Write a summary of the text on your blank piece of paper. Remember, a summary is a short piece of writing that tells what the text is mostly about.

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Additional Resources for Lesson-Related Extension Activities:

- **Student-Facing**
 - Practice your summarizing skills using more poems (Poets.org) - <https://poets.org/text/poems-kids>
- **Teacher-Facing**
 - A lesson plan designed to help 4-5th graders relate personally to poetry and generate their own poems (UNC TV& PBS Learning Media) - <https://unctv.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/56ed9e31-c716-4eb5-b195-b485d34f847c/starting-out-engaging-with-literature-lesson-plan/>
 - Create your own anthology of poems based on theme or another category (Poets.org) - <https://poets.org/how-create-anthology>