Academic Workshop (GLE)

Summarizing News Articles

Choose an article from http://www.metronews.ca/toronto & print it using the [printer friendly] button. Staple it to this sheet before you hand it in.

Before Reading

the 4 Ps

- **Preview:**
  - First sentence (lede)
  - Title (headline)
  - Author (byline)
  - Repeated words &/or phrases
  - Photos or art & their captions

- **Predict:** What is this article about?

- **Prior Knowledge:** What do I already know about this subject?

- **Purpose:** What new knowledge do I hope to learn about the subject? (5W1H question)

During Reading

read with a pencil

As you read, underline/highlight (using colour code) information that answers your purpose (or 5Ws1H) question(s)

- (yellow) **who/what** is the article about?
- (blue) **where & when** did this happen?
- (green) **why** did it happen?
- (pink) **how** did it happen?
Summarize – in as few words as possible, summarize what this text is “about”

Write a “sandwich” paragraph as follows:

- A topic sentence that contains the name of the author & article and tells who, what, when and where.
- 3-5 body sentences that explain the how and/or why.
- A concluding sentence that tells us the “so what?” of the article – why is this important for us to know/understand?

Comment – describe your opinion(s) about the text, and why you think this

Write a “sandwich” paragraph as follows:

- A topic sentence that states your opinion.
- 3-5 body sentences that explain the reasons why you hold that opinion.
- End your paragraph with a concluding sentence that summarizes your argument and gives us the “so what?” of your opinion – what is it we need to change or do?

Click [comment] button and add your comment to the website. Print your published comment and attach it to this paper.