

The Eyes Have It

Every minute of the day your eyes are busy—and not always with seeing things. Much of the time they're blinking. Your eyes blink about 25 times a minute. Everybody's eyes do. When something comes close to your eyes or bothers them, you blink. Dirt or dust can cause your eyes to blink, and a bright light can also make you blink. Eyes blink to protect themselves from many different things.

When your eyes blink, they are actually spreading tears. These tears keep your eyes wet. If specks of dirt fly into your eyes, they will blink rapidly to wash away the dirt. Tears help get rid of stuff that doesn't belong in your eyes.

Did you know that everyone has a blind spot? To find out where your blind spot is, try this experiment. Mark the left and right edges of this page with a dot. Then hold the dotted page about twelve inches away from your eyes. Close or cover your left eye, and focus your right eye on the dot at the left. Move the page slowly toward you and then away. At a certain point, the dot on the right will disappear. That is your blind spot. Try the same thing with your right eye closed. Focus on the dot at the right.

Just as you are left- or right-handed, you are also left- or right-eyed. One of your eyes is stronger than the other. Would you like to know which one? Try this experiment. At arm's length, hold a pencil, eraser-tip up, in front of your eyes. Line up the pencil with some object in the room, such as a picture on the wall. Now close one eye, then the other. The pencil will appear to move either to the side of the object or will stay lined up with it. Your dominant, or stronger eye is the eye that is open when the pencil stays lined up with the object.

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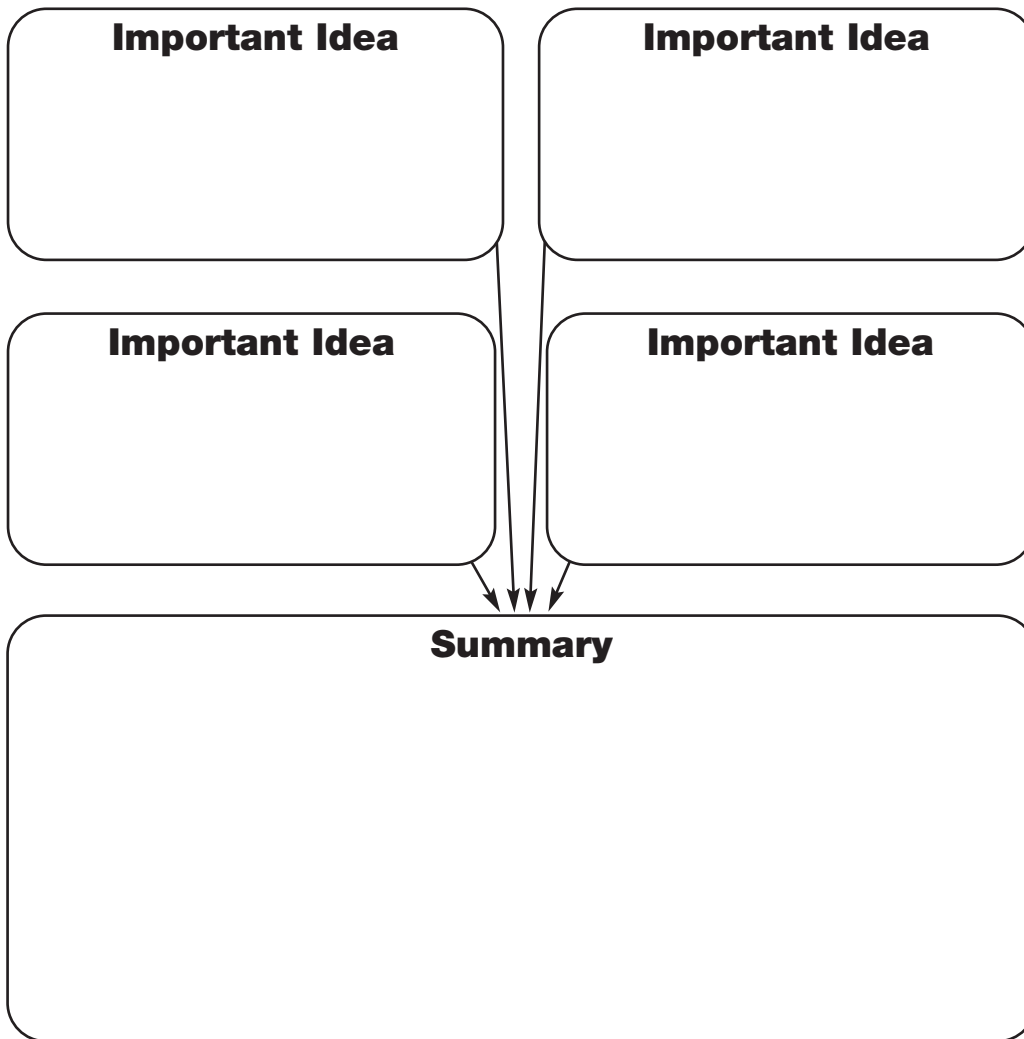
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When you tell a friend about the plot of a book or an article you've read, you are giving a **summary**. A summary is a short statement that tells the most important ideas in your own words.

Use this chart to help you identify important ideas or details. Then put them together into a summary.

Passage: _____



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