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Chapter I am summarizing: _____

Writing an Objective Summary of CH 13

An Objective summary is: A short statement or paragraph that tells what a passage is about.

An Objective summary does NOT: Include your personal opinion, include irrelevant/small details, should not be written in first person using "I"

Main/Central Idea is: Describes what the passage is mainly about or the author's central focus of a passage. It usually is not directly stated in the passage.

Main/Central Idea is NOT: It is not the title of a passage.

Writing an Objective Summary:

Step 1:

Write one sentence using the following:

- + State the type of writing and title of the passage
- + State the author (if you know the author's name or publisher's name)
- + Action - use a verb such as: explains, tells, writes, describes, lists, teaches, illustrates, explores, shares, discusses
- + Complete the sentence with the MAIN/CENTRAL IDEA of the passage

Step 2:

Include 2-3 details that support your main/central idea

- + Leave the details in the order that they appear in the story
- + Put everything in your own words
- + Leave out small details - focus on the major events/details from the text
- + Use transition words to begin your sentences including: first, second, third, in the beginning, next, finally

Step 3:

- + Reread your summary checking for capitalization and proper punctuation
- + Be sure you have at least 4-5 complete sentences

Please summarize chapter 13

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