

How to Ask Why - Article Summary

Using the article you selected, answer the questions below. Underline the parts of the article that answer each question.

What is the source of the article? How did you determine this was a trusted source?

What is this story about? Summarize it in 1-2 sentences.

Who are the key characters in this story?

Describe the key characters' actions.

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Where does this story take place? Is the setting a significant detail?

List 2-4 quotations from the article that support the story.

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Use the space below to generate a closed-ended and open-ended question on a topic of your choice. Then, using details from the article you selected, word backwards to write open-ended questions that may have lead to the information in the article.

Question Types: Open-ended and Closed-Ended Questions

In the chart below, write a closed-ended and open-ended question. Remember, open-ended questions often begin with the 5 Ws and 1 H question words; the word “Why,” for example, is a great question word to start with, if you don’t know where to start.

Closed-Ended Question	Open-Ended Question

Working Backwards to Generate Open-ended Questions

After rereading the article, choose at least 5 concrete details, relevant facts, and quotations and fill in those details. Write an an open-ended question that could prompt someone to provide the answer that was given.

Detail #1

Open-ended Question

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Detail #2

Open-ended Question

Detail #3

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Detail #4

Open-ended Question

Detail #5

Open-ended Question
