STEP ONE: Remember that a summary gives the main points of a text but not the details. In the boxes below, list important details from the text, and then write a sentence that tells what those details are about. This will help you summarize the central ideas from the text in the order they appear.

**CENTRAL IDEA #1**

Details:

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Sentence that summarizes:

**CENTRAL IDEA #2**

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Sentence that summarizes:

**CENTRAL IDEA #3**

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Sentence that summarizes:
**STEP TWO:** Create a clear topic sentence using the S "T" A r t strategy. Your topic sentence will look something like this:

In the *Shoreside Report* article "Deep Waters," Michelle Ameen discusses concerns about rising sea levels.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>&quot;Title&quot;</th>
<th>Author</th>
<th>right verb</th>
<th>topic</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>magazine, newspaper, book</td>
<td>&quot;Deep Waters&quot;</td>
<td>Michelle Ameen</td>
<td>discusses</td>
<td>concerns about rising sea levels</td>
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**Source:**

- magazine
- newspaper
- book

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**Sentence that summarizes:**

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