

Summary #1 Checklist

Does the writer identify the author and article in the first sentence with the phrase I put on the board last class to make clear that he or she is writing a summary? Is the book underlined or italicized?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Does the first paragraph of the summary (or the first sentence or two) tell what the thesis of the original is? (Check the original to make sure you know, and then compare it with the summary.)

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Does the writer then cover the major point about the teachers that we discussed in class?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Does the summary cover the "message" to children that the potential harm that it can bring?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments

Does the writer deal with the issues surrounding racism that Kozol brings out?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

Does the summary then bring in Kozol's brief two sentence conclusion?

Yes _____ No _____

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