**Summary and Annotation:**

Summary and annotation (note-taking) are related. If you take notes (annotating) by focusing on the information that is important to the author’s main point, then you can easily write a summary from these notes. This is because a summary IS the main point and the major supporting detail; it leaves out the non-essential information. Examples-- or too many of them-- are unnecessary in a summary. A summary is usually about a quarter of the length of the original piece.

Here is a health related paragraph about Epidemics. Read it, underline the information that you think should be included in a summary. Then use the information that you underlined to write a summary in YOUR OWN WORDS. Be a brief as possible but include all the important information.

Epidemics

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Summary Outline ( worksheet for you to plan your summary):

From your annotations, fill in the blanks below.

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The main point about the subject is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate paper, use the above outline to write sentences that tie together and summarize the paragraph about epidemics. Attach this to the final draft (finished copy) of your summary and turn it in. Include your name and date on the top line.

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