

Guided Reading and Summarizing Procedure (GRASP)

What is it? Summarizing can be quite difficult for students unless guidance and practice can be provided for the students. This strategy illustrates what a summary is and how to compress many ideas into a brief synopsis. The goal of teaching GRASP is to help students to summarize independently when they try to understand as well as study text.

What is the focus group?

Upper elementary through high school

How do you do it?

- Provide students with a short passage of easy text. Explain that after reading, a summary will be written.
- After reading individually, ask the students to list what they remembered. You write the information on the board or overhead.
- Then have the students reread the passage to look for additional information and to correct or enrich information for the list.
- Then model the organization of the information into categories. First list the categories and then regroup the information under each category.
- Using the generated outline, write a summary of the material.
- Provide guided practice multiple times before having the students do GRASP individually.