

SUMMARIZE FICTION

To summarize a story, ask yourself:

- Who are the characters?
- What is the setting?
- What happened in the beginning, middle, and end?
- What was the problem?
- What lesson did the main character learn?
- How did this lesson change the main character?



4th & 5th
Grade

Summary & Theme in Fiction

DIGITAL Mini lessons





TYPES OF FICTION

Watch the video about three different types of fiction: stories, dramas, and poems.

Poems

Writing that is rhythmic,
metaphorical
and has elements of
meter, rhyme, and
structure.



Let's Try!

Summarize the story "White Socks Only" by Evelyn Coleman.

The story by is about (characters and setting)

In the beginning,

In the middle,

In the end,

The theme of the story is

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Let's Listen!

Listen to the drama "The Jackdaw". Practice recounting the play.

OLD JACKDAW. Take them off, I say!

VAIN JACKDAW. I will not take them off!

OLD JACKDAW. Then you cannot stay with us.

VAIN JACKDAW. I do not wish to stay with jackdaws. I will not walk with jackdaws. I think myself too fine for jackdaws.

OLD JACKDAW. Then, jackdaws, we will think no more of him. Come now, to find our breakfast! Come!

[They go. The PEACOCKS enter.]

VAIN JACKDAW. Good-morning, brothers.

PEACOCKS. Ha, ha, ha!

VAIN JACKDAW. Why do you laugh so, brothers?

PEACOCKS. Ha, ha, ha!

VAIN JACKDAW. You must not laugh, dear brothers. I am a peacock like yourselves.



SUMMARIZING STORIES

We learned about three types of fiction. Match the definitions and examples that describe fables, folktales, and myths.

Traditional Literature		
	Definition	Example
STORIES	An account of imaginary or real people and events told for entertainment.	
DRAMAS	A play for theatre, radio, or television.	
POEMS	Writing that is rhythmical, metaphorical, and has elements of meter, rhyme, and structure.	