

## Framed Paragraph Format for Summarizing Finished Books

### **Purpose:**

Students will use the writing process and summary writing strategies to consolidate chapter books into organized, short summaries.

### **First, outline the book (Short sentences, phrases):**

Intro: Title, main character, conflict

Main Event 1 leading to the climax:

Main Event 2 leading to the climax:

Main Event 3 leading to the climax (If needed. Not every story will have 3 MEs)

Climax: The big event of the story where the conflict/problem is resolved

Conclusion: What did you think the theme of the story was?

Rating: How would you rate the book on a scale from 1-10?

### **Second, plug your outline into this framed paragraph:**

(Title of the book) is a/an (adjective to describe the book) story about a/an (adjective & noun describing the protagonist) who is (describe the conflict/problem in the story). The book begins in (describe the setting of the book) with (describe the main events leading to the climax of the story). Finally, (describe the resolution to the conflict of the story). In conclusion, (express your understanding of the theme based on events in this book). (Finish by writing one or two sentences on how you would rate this book on a scale of 1-10 [1=worst, 10=best], and if you would recommend this book to a friend.)

### **Here's what the paragraph looks like without the parenthesis above:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ story about a/an \_\_\_\_\_ who is \_\_\_\_\_.  
The book begins in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_. In conclusion, \_\_\_\_\_. (Finish by writing one or two sentences on how you would rate this book on a scale of 1-10 [1=worst, 10=best], and if you would recommend this book to a friend.)

## Sample Summary Paragraph

### Cages

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Cages is a touching story about a girl named Kit who is a high school student that has to face some difficult challenges at home. The book begins with Kit getting caught stealing a bracelet from a department store. Kit is forced to volunteer at the humane society to pay back her debt. Kit learns that the theft has her feeling caged. Throughout the story, Kit tries to hide the incident, even from her best friend. Finally, Kit is able to share what happened with her friend by giving a speech in class. In conclusion, I think this story is about accepting responsibility. Once Kit is honest with herself, she is freed from her “cage.” I would rate this book a solid 8 or 9. I’ve read it at least six times now and have enjoyed it every time.