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# Writing a Summary

A summary is a short retelling of the most important parts of a story. It should include the information that someone would need to know to understand the story, without minor details or your own opinion.

**Directions:** Complete the summary below, using the prompts in the margins to help you.

## Summary of "Frozen Dreams"

"Frozen Dreams" is about \_\_\_\_\_

Because of racism, the only job Henson could find was in a hat shop, where \_\_\_\_\_

After exploring Central America, Peary and Henson \_\_\_\_\_

To survive in the Arctic, they got help from Inuit people, who \_\_\_\_\_

During their trips to the Arctic, they faced \_\_\_\_\_

In 1909, on their sixth trip, \_\_\_\_\_

When they returned to America, \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, in 1988, \_\_\_\_\_

1. Begin with a topic sentence that tells who and what the article is mainly about.

3. Where did the two men explore next?

5. List at least two setbacks Henson and Peary faced.

7. What happened to Peary? Did Henson have the same experience?

2. Who came into the shop? What job did he offer Henson?

4. How did the Inuit help them?

6. What happened during this trip to the Arctic?

8. How did people finally recognize Henson's achievements?