



Reduce it!

The three-step summary reduction strategy guides students through a distillation of complex information through a series of deliberate condensations that reinforce comprehension and clarity.

In the first phase, learners craft a three sentence summary of the text, ensuring they capture all major ideas and supporting details in their own words.

During the second phase, they read a classmate's three sentence summary and trim it to one sentence, which challenges them to distinguish core concepts from less critical information.

In the third phase, students read another classmate's one sentence and condense it to just three words, focusing exclusively on the most essential points and eliminating any remaining extraneous material.

By engaging in this iterative process—full summary, first reduction, and ultra-condensation—students sharpen their analytical skills, practice precision in writing, and learn to communicate nuanced ideas with exceptional brevity and focus.

