

# Summarizing

## Nonfiction

Read the passage below. Come up with an appropriate title for the passage. Then, use the information from the passage to complete the activities on the next page.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Iceland is known as the land of fire and ice. The “fire” part of fire and ice is because there are around 30 active volcanoes currently in Iceland. The “ice” part of fire and ice is because of the many glaciers (slow moving chunks of ice) on Iceland. Iceland’s unique features make it an amazing place to visit.

The best way to see the beauty of Iceland is to hike through it. The Laugavegur Trail is one of the best known trails in Iceland. People come from all over the world to hike 34 miles through the land of fire and ice and see the volcanoes and glaciers that Iceland is known for.

It takes a lot of time and preparation to hike this trail. Most people can’t hike 34 miles in one day, so before going on the hike it is important to plan out how you are going to eat and where you are going to sleep.

Most people carry the food they will eat while they hike the Laugavegur Trail in a backpack that they take with them. Some people also carry a tent and a sleeping bag in that same backpack so that they can camp at night. Other people pay money to stay in huts that are along the trail.

It is also important to bring the right clothing for hiking. Iceland can be cold, windy, and rainy, so you need clothes that can keep you warm and dry.

If you are willing to put in the planning and preparation necessary to hike this trail, you will be rewarded with unbelievable views. This trail has it all – rivers, colorful mountains, canyons, volcanoes, snow, waterfalls, hot springs, geysers, black sands, and more. Every time you turn a corner another breathtaking view greets you. Walking through this land of fire and ice is worth all of the effort.



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### SUMMARY 2

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Answers will vary. The first summary includes details from the passage, but it doesn't include a lot of the important information. The second summary includes more information that is important to the passage.

# Summarizing Nonfiction: Grading Rubric

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

3 points

2 points

1 point

	<u>3 points</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>1 point</u>
<u>Completeness</u>	All of the required activities are completed.	Most of the required activities are completed.	Few of the required activities are completed.
<u>Accuracy of Content</u>	All of the information regarding summarizing is accurate. The student demonstrated a thorough knowledge of what makes a good summary.	Most of the information regarding summarizing is accurate. The student demonstrated an average knowledge of what makes a good summary.	Very little of the information regarding summarizing is accurate. The student demonstrated a limited knowledge of what makes a good summary.
<u>Conventions</u>	There are very few errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.	There are several errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or grammar.	There are many errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar. Because of these errors, the answers are very difficult to read.

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