This is part of my new **Summarizing Nonfiction Resource**, which breaks down the complicated task of summarizing into smaller, easier to understand pieces.

Students spend a lot of time differentiating between “good” and “bad” summaries, and considering all of the qualities that make up a good summary.

This resource includes several hands on, cut and paste activities for your tactile learners!
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Millions of people take a trip to a beach every year in the United States. Spending a day at the beach can be a lot of fun. However, if you arrive unprepared, your beach trip could quickly be ruined by a painful sunburn!

The most important thing you should do to prepare for a trip to the beach is to bring items that will help protect you from the sun’s UV rays. Sunscreen can help protect your skin and prevent sunburns. A hat with a wide brim all the way around helps to protect your entire face, including your ears and the back of your neck, while sunglasses help protect your eyes. When packing for a trip to the beach, be sure to remember all of these items!

It takes less than 20 minutes to get a sunburn, but you probably won’t see any redness or feel any pain for several hours. That’s why you should put sunscreen on before you even get to the beach. Then, once you are at the beach, put more on every few hours or after you are done swimming.

Make sure your trip to the beach is all fun and no pain by preventing a sunburn before it happens. Taking just a few minutes to prepare properly can protect your skin and guarantee a great day.

Don’t forget to put sunscreen on your face!
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Circle the summary that you think is better. Why do you think it is better?
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**Answers will vary. The first summary includes only information from the passage, while the second summary includes additional information.**
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**Total Points out of 9:**
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