

## Peer Edit Worksheet - Basic Summary

Read your partner's summary. Answer these questions and assist your partner in improving their writing.

1. In the first sentence, does the writer mention the title of the article in quotations? Is the full name of the author used?
2. Is the main idea of the article present in the first sentence?
3. Are major points presented in the summary? Is the summary written in chronological order? Can you follow the summary as you read it?
4. Did the writer keep his focus? Do you see the writer's own opinions? If so, talk to the writer and decide how these sentences can be rewritten.
5. Is the tone of the article objective? Do you find subjective pronouns?
6. Are the third-person point of view and simple present tense used?
7. Is there a citation listed at the end of the page in MLA format?
8. What are some of the strengths of this summary? Are there problems (e.g. organization, grammar, etc.) that you see in the text? Do not correct— only circle them. Please discuss your findings with your partner.