

## Retell vs. Summary

Below are examples of two proficiently written anchor papers for summary writing. One is a retell which receives a score of 1 (for this write on demand prompt) because it is not a summary.

### Retell Sample

It is now summer. The Rivera Family are driving to Iowa. Mama and Papa are farmers. They harvest fruits and vegetables for Texas in the winter and for Iowa farmers in the summer. When the rusty old car stopped they excitedly jumped out. Papa Grande has already told Tomas and Enrique all of his stories. Tomas walked to the library.

The library lady brought him some books about dinosaurs and tigers just as he asked. As Tomas read the books he studied the pictures carefully. The library lady let him check the books out. Tomas came by day after day and taught the library lady words in Spanish.

One day Tomas brought Papa Grande to the library. Today he taught her that adios means good-bye. Tomas was leaving back to Texas. Mama baked pan dulce as a gift for her. The library lady gave him a book to read for the ride home.

The End

Retelling a Story includes the following:

- Identifies main characters
- Identifies the setting
- Recalls sequence
- Identifies story problem
- Identifies story solution

### Summary Sample

Tomas and the Library Lady is a fascinating story about a boy named Tomas. He splits his time between Iowa and Texas. His parents are excellent farmers who pick fruit and vegetables in Iowa year after year. Tomas dislikes the dreadful car rides, but is always relieved when they finally get to Iowa.

At Iowa, Tomas and his brother listen to Papa Grande's significant stories, but now Tomas already knows all of his stories. That's when all the fun begins. Tomas walks to the library one day that feels like a whole other world. The library lady becomes Tomas's new best friend. Tomas reads about a whole lot of interesting books until Tomas sadly has to abandon the library and go back to scolding hot Texas. But thankfully the library lady gives Tomas a book to keep forever.

Summarizing a story includes the following:

- Identifies main points
- Identifies the title and/or author
- An abstract
- Presents the substance of the material in a condensed, concise form
- Think about what it would look like on a book jacket