

Summary vs. Analysis

Sometimes when we're writing a thesis-driven essay, it can be hard to tell if what we're writing is really analysis or summary. Check out this chart to help you feel more confident about writing analysis and summary!

Summary

A general explanation of a text's main ideas

Objective (no personal opinion!)

Offers an overview of the text rather than examining specific examples

Great for contextualizing your support or the ongoing scholarly conversation

Analysis

In-depth dissection and discussion of specific ideas

Critical thinking (explaining connections between the source and your ideas)

Examines specific examples

Necessary for strong, convincing evidence in your body paragraphs

Ready?

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