Finding The Gist of a Story

What is the gist of a story? The *Oxford Dictionary* describes the gist as, “The substance or general meaning of a speech or text.” A gist is a short statement that summarizes a lot of information by only using the mean or central ideas of a text. Today you will be required to read an article and write a 20 word gist for what you have read. The best way to find the gist is by answering the five w’s and h. These are the questions: why, what, where, when, why, and how. Once you have answered these questions, use the most important information to write your gist.

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Article Source: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Read the Article

2. Fill out the five W’s and H

Who:

What:

Where:

When:

Why:

How:

3. Write a 20 Word Gist

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