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A synopsis is a short summary that includes the most important points of a text. A synopsis of fiction covers the main character, the conflict, and the major events of a story. It may also reference the style, genre, setting, etc. A synopsis of nonfiction includes the main idea of a text, as well as the most important supporting information. You can write a synopsis of just about anything: books, articles, academic papers, films, television programs, and even video games.

A synopsis has two main functions: it tells you what something is about before you read or watch it, and it functions as a tool in the process of getting artistic words made and produced. The purpose of a synopsis determines the amount of detail that is included. Authors proposing to write a book for a publishing company or screenwriters proposing a script to a film studio will each produce a fairly lengthy and detailed synopsis. A synopsis for an article, a short story, or a television show will be much shorter and higher-level.

DIRECTIONS: Choose a fable or a fairy tale that you are familiar with. Write a brief summary of the story on the lines below.
