

Reporter vs. Author

The Challenge - A reporter and an author read the same story, but they focus on different things.

A Reporter Writes a Summary - A summary tells **what happened** in the story.

An Author Communicates a Theme - A theme is the **lesson or message** readers can learn from the story.

Story 1: The Forgotten Lunch - Mia was excited for her field trip to the science museum. When she arrived at school, she realized she had left her lunch at home. At first, she felt upset because she thought she would be hungry all day. During lunch, her friend Ava noticed Mia had no food and offered to share her sandwich and snacks. Mia thanked Ava and enjoyed the rest of the trip. The next day, Mia surprised Ava with a thank-you note and a homemade cookie.

Reporter's Summary (2-3 sentences)

Author's Theme (1 sentence)

Story 2: The Broken Model - Ethan spent a week building a model volcano for the science fair. The night before the fair, the volcano accidentally fell off the table and broke into several pieces. Ethan wanted to give up, but his grandfather encouraged him to keep trying. Ethan stayed up late rebuilding the project. Although he did not win first place, he felt proud that he had finished and presented his work.

Reporter's Summary (2-3 sentences)

Author's Theme (1 sentence)

