Summary in Hand

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**Purpose:** To help students summarize the main idea of a narrative text

**Materials:** none required, graphic organizer and pencils optional

**Procedure:**
- Say a sentence that summarizes the main idea of a text by using your fingers as cues to know what to say.
  - Thumb: Somebody...say the main character
  - Pointer finger: Wanted...say what the main character wanted most
  - Middle finger: But...say what kept the main character from getting what he/she wanted most
  - Ring finger: So...say what the main character did to overcome what was keeping him/her from what he/she wanted most
  - Pinky finger: Then...say how the character reached his/her goals in the end
- Optional: Have students fill out the Summary In Hand graphic organizer.

This is a commonly used strategy. The graphic organizer was created by Education Inspired.
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Write the most important parts of the story in each finger. Draw a picture of the summary in the middle of the hand.

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