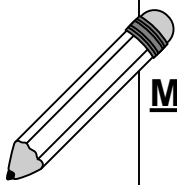
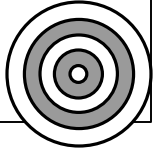


Summary in Hand

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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.



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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.

