Get the Gist Cue Card

Step 1: Who or what is this section about?
Step 2: What is the most important information about the “who” or “what”?
Step 3: Write your gist statement by combining information from Steps 1 and 2.

Remember, your gist should
- include only the most important information,
- leave out unnecessary details, and
- be a complete sentence.
After reading the entire passage, write a brief summary by combining the gist statements you’ve already written.

Remember, your summary should

- be one paragraph and about three to four sentences long,
- include only the most important main ideas,
- present ideas in a logical order, and
- use good grammar and punctuation.