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Get the Gist

Title: _____

Write a 16 word GIST to help you summarize the text.

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Write a summary of the text using your GIST words. Remember the questions you need to ask yourself:

- Did I include title of text, author?
- Did I include the main idea of text in one sentence?
- What is very important to tell about the main idea? (i.e. what are the important details)
- What information can I omit? (interesting, unimportant)
- What is the purpose of the text/key message in the text? (to inform, to persuade, to entertain)
- Did I use my own language? (**Do not** copy sentences out of the text!)
- Is the information in logical order?

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