

Summary and Critique Assignment

Read "The Upside of Gentrification."

- In one-two paragraphs, summarize the key points of the article. Keep the summary neutral – simply report what the article states and what the author's opinions are. Mention specific examples where relevant. Use a variety of summary verbs, and be sure that you make it clear to your reader that you are reporting another's ideas, not your own.
- Quote sparingly. This is primarily an exercise in summary, not quotation. However, if there are words or phrases you feel are particularly useful to quote, do so.
- Select two or three points to discuss. You may agree with Kiefer's ideas and talk about why you agree with them, bringing in information of your own to support your feelings. Or, you may disagree with his points. If you do, be clear why you disagree. Be as specific as you can.

You may, of course, agree with some of his points and disagree with others – it is up to you how to proceed. But be as specific as you can, and show your reasoning.

The final paper should be 2-3 pages long. Do not separate the sections with headings. Write the paper as continuous text, beginning with the summary and moving into your reaction/critique.

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- 1) Summarize "The Upside of Gentrification."
 - 2) Be sure to mention the author's full name, the name of the article, and the name and date of the publication in which it appeared.
 - 3) Summary should begin with this information in a sentence that gives an overall view of what the article deals with and the point the author is trying to make.
 - 4) All summary verbs should be in the present tense, not the past.
 - 5) Summary should be 2 paragraphs long -- about a page.
 - 6) Bring two copies to class.

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