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Four-Sentence Summary Frame for Informational Text (Precis)

Title of Selection: _____

Sentence 1 (Who/What?)

_____ in the _____,
(Author's Full Name) (A-noun) (Title of text)
 _____, that _____
(B-verb)

Sentence 2 (How?)

_____ supports his/her _____ by _____
(Author's Last Name) (B-noun) (C-verb / used as gerund)

Sentence 3 (Why?)

The author's purpose is to _____
(D-verb / used as infinitive)
 _____ in order to/so that _____

Sentence 4 (To Whom?)

The author writes in a _____ style for _____
(E-adjective)

(his/her audience, the readers of)
 and others interested in the topic of _____

Word Bank These are merely suggestions. Feel free to use other words.

| A (genre) | B | C | D | E |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| (news/magazine/ journal) article book review, editorial, first-hand report, personal or biographical essay, biography, research report | analyzes/analysis argues/argument, asserts/assertion, discusses/discussion, focuses on/focus explains/explanation | comparing / contrasting retelling, explaining, illustrating, defending, demonstrating, defining, describing, listing, arguing, showing, justifying, relating, reporting, noting, emphasizing, pointing out, highlighting the fact | argue, call attention to, deny, show, point out, prove suggest, inform, persuade, disclose, report, convince | (register/language) formal, impersonal casual, informal <hr/> (tone) humorous, emotional, friendly, reasoned, logical, exaggerated, |