Good morning everyone,

I hope you all are staying safe and productive.  I am still looking to hear more about goals some of you have set for yourself during this time off.  Last week I got to see some awesome water color paintings a 6th grader is working on, and one 7th grader told me about a hike to "Turtle Rock".  I really enjoy learning what you all are up to lately, so please keep those coming!

This week we will be working on the skill of **Summary Writing.** Summary writing is a way to condense a large amount of information down to a small and more accessible writing.  Summary writing starts with the basic information of author and title and continues to answer the questions who, what, when, where, why, and how without adding your opinion or analysis.

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So that I don't carry this too long that you will need a summary of my assignment, let's get on to it.

1. Read the following article: [**https://penandthepad.com/correctly-summarize-short-story-5031.html**](https://penandthepad.com/correctly-summarize-short-story-5031.html)

2. Watch the following video: [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGWO1ldEhtQ**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGWO1ldEhtQ)

3. Pick a short story from this link: [**https://www.weareteachers.com/best-short-stories-for-middle-schoolers/**](https://www.weareteachers.com/best-short-stories-for-middle-schoolers/)

4. Read the short story.

5. Write a 1 paragraph summary of the short story. **(Remember: Do not put your OPINION in this paragraph)**

6. Write a small paragraph stating your opinion about the story. (**Remember: This is not part of the SUMMARY)**

7. Send me your work.  You can send it as a message or an attachment on livegrades, or you can send it to me through my email javarney@k12.wv.us

8. It actually looks like it is going to stop raining for the next few days, so go out and do something fun!

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As always, I miss you all and look forward to getting to see you all again soon.

Mr. Varney