

Summed Up Quickly Answer Key

1. Paragraph 1 Summary:

Bicycles were invented in the early 1800s and began as simple “running machines” without pedals.

2. Paragraph 2 Summary:

Pedals and chains improved bicycles in the mid-1800s, making them popular and affordable transportation.

3. Paragraph 3 Summary:

Modern bicycles are used for sports, recreation, commuting, and eco-friendly transportation.

4. Overall Central Idea:

Bicycles have evolved from simple inventions into widely used, versatile, and environmentally friendly tools for travel and recreation.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Emphasize that each **paragraph-level summary = a building block** toward the overall central idea.
- Sticky note summaries should be short, clear, and avoid details like dates, names, or examples unless essential.
- Extension idea: Have students **actually write their summaries on sticky notes** and place them on the margins of a printed passage to visualize how main ideas connect across paragraphs.