

Name _____

Single Sentence Summary

Summaries help readers capture the **essence** of a story. Instead of retelling everything, you shrink it down to the most important idea. A **one-sentence summary** should answer:

- Who was it about?
- What happened?
- Why was it important?



Directions: Read the story below carefully. Underline the three most important details: **who, what happened, why it mattered**. Then, use those details to write a one-sentence summary below.

The Forgotten Homework

Jordan loved reading adventure books, and sometimes he stayed up too late turning pages. Because of this, he often forgot to finish his homework. One Friday morning, his teacher asked for the math assignment. Jordan realized he had left it unfinished at home. Embarrassed, he admitted the truth and promised to stay after school. He knew if he worked quickly, he could still finish in time for soccer practice with his friends.

Write Your One-Sentence Summary:

