

Analyzing an Essay (Lesson 2)

Important Phrases

Which phrases or sentences are the most informative and important in this scholarly essay?
Choose three and give the reason for your choice.
Phrase 1:
Why is this phrase important or powerful?
Phrase 2:
Why is this phrase important or powerful?
Phrase 3:
Why is this phrase important or powerful?



Summary Organizer #1: Excerpts from "The Apology of the Paxton Volunteers"

Original Text	Key Words
We have long been convinced from sufficient evidence that the Indians that lived as independent commonwealths among us or near our borders were our most dangerous enemies, both in the last and present war, although they still pretend to be our friends as they murdered our inhabitants, led them into captivity, were guides to other Indians, reported our weak and defenceless state to the French together with all our motions and dispositions against them; and at the same time wearing the cloak of friendship, they could readily obtain provisions, ammunition and warlike implements to convey to our enemies. Their well-known claim to freedom and independency put it in their power to harbor spies and give intelligence. They have ever asserted and exercised the right of making war and peace as independent nations, never came under our laws, nor acknowledged subjection to our king and government; but they always governed themselves by their own customs, and exercised the power of life and death over their own people Mournful experience has convinced us that no nation could be safe especially in a time of war, if another state or part of a state be allowed to live among them, free and independent, claiming and exercising within themselves all the powers of government ,the powers of making war and peace, harboring and corresponding with the enemies of the state wherein they live, receiving their spies, giving them intelligence, and furnishing them with the means of support and implements of war. No such privilege has been granted to any commonwealth in any civilized nation in the world. But this had been allowed to Indians amongst us, and we justly complain of it as the source of many of our calamities; as they have all proved perfidious.	
Summary:	
In Your Own Words:	



Summary Organizer #2: Excerpts from Franklin's Narrative of the Late Massacres

Original Text	of Peace and Love!
There are some (I am ashamed to hear it) who would extenuate the enormous Wickedness of these Actions, by saying, "The Inhabitants of the Frontiers are exasperated with the Murder of their Relations, by the Enemy <i>Indians</i> , in the present War." It is possible; —but though this might justify their going out into the Woods, to seek for those Enemies, and avenge upon them those Murders; it can never justify their turning in to the Heart of the Country, to murder their Friends If an Indian injures me, does it follow that I may revenge that Injury on all <i>Indians</i> ? It is well known that <i>Indians</i> are of different Tribes, Nations and Languages, as well as the White People. In <i>Europe</i> , if the <i>French</i> , who are White-People, should injure the <i>Dutch</i> , are they to revenge it on the <i>English</i> , because they too are White People? The only Crime of these poor Wretches seems to have been, that they had a reddish brown Skin, and black Hair; and some People of that Sort, it seems, had murdered some of our Relations. If it be right to kill Men for such a Reason, then, should any Man, with a freckled Face and red Hair, kill a Wife or Child of mine, it would be right for me to revenge it, by killing all the freckled red-haired Men, Women and Children, I could afterwards any where meet with.	Key Words
But it seems these People think they have a better Justification; nothing less than the Word of God. With the Scriptures in their Hands and Mouths, they can set at nought that express Command, Thou shalt do no Murder; and justify their Wickedness Horrid Perversion of Scripture and of Religion! to father the worst of Crimes on the God	
Summary:	
In Your Own Words:	



Summary Organizer #3: Excerpts from Franklin's Narrative of the Late Massacres

Original Text
Ne pretend to be <i>Christians</i> , and, from the superior Light we enjoy, ought to exceed n the Knowledge and Practice of what is right
These poor People have been always our Friends. Their Fathers received ours, when strangers here, with Kindness and Hospitality. Behold the Return we have made them! When we grew more numerous and powerful, they put themselves under our **Protection**. See, in the mangled Corpses of the last Remains of the Tribe, how effectually we have afforded it to them! They would have been safer, if they had submitted to the **Turks** [who] never kill **Prisoners in cold Blood* They would have been safer it seems among **Popish** Gpaniards,** even if Enemies, and delivered into their Hands by a Tempest. These were not Enemies; they were born among us, and yet we have killed them all. But shall we mittate **idolatrous Papists**, we that are **enlightened Protestants?** They would even have been safer among the **Negroes** of **Africa**, where at least one manly Soul would have been safe in any Part of the known World, except in the Neighbourhood of the **CHRISTIAN WHITE SAVAGES!** **Key Words**
Summary:
In Your Own Words: