

## Summary or Analysis—Mirror or Microscope



A **summary** is like a **mirror**, as it reflects the literal meaning of the text.

- Answers the questions: Who? What? and Where?
- Doesn't include personal opinions or any details that are not in the text



An **analysis** is like a **microscope**, as it identifies and highlights or maybe brings into focus smaller, less visible parts of a text.

- Answers the questions: Why? and How?
- Examines the parts of a text and how they relate to the overall idea