

Summarizing

Review 2

How To **Summarize**

1. **Read** the text.
2. Don't let big words scare you.
3. Ask, "**What was this text about?**"

Your Answer...

- **Should** be a complete sentence or two
- **Should** cover **main point** and **key ideas**
- **Should** be in your own words
- **Shouldn't** just be a word or two

Invisibility, flight, the power to split into multiple bodies... these superhuman abilities have long been associated with ninjas, but ninjas didn't really do all of that stuff. They were just regular people with exceptional abilities. So why do people think that ninjas had super powers? Well, one reason is that ninjas were very secretive and left behind few historical records of their activities. Since we do not know much about what they actually did, we are left to speculate. Another reason why people often think that ninjas had superhuman abilities is because of how ninjas are depicted in folklore (particularly during the Edo period in Japan). In such legends and works of art, ninjas were mysticized and romanticized. These romantic notions of ninjas as superhero are perpetuated in media today, but maybe that's just because these days people expect ninjas to have supernatural abilities. Ki-yah!

Example Response 1

This passage is about how people thought ninjas had supernatural power because of the things they do.

- **Did not express main point clearly**
- **Missed key points**
- **Probably did not read the whole passage**

Example Response 2

This is about the folktale of ninjas and what they think of their abilities.

- **Misses main idea**
- **Misses key points**
- **Did not read**

Example Response 3

This passage was about how people thought ninjas had some types of powers because they were very secretive and left behind few historical records of their activities.

- + Covers the main idea
- + Covers key ideas
- Misses a key idea
- Perhaps uses too many words from the text in some places

Example Response 4

This passage was about superhuman abilities, such as invisibility, flight, and the power to split into multiple bodies.

- **Does not cover the main idea clearly**
- **Uses too much text from the passage**
- **Only read the first sentence**
- **Did not read the text**

Example Response 5

This text is about why people think ninjas have super powers because they were secretive and legends.

- + **Covers the main idea**
- + **Covers all key ideas**
- + **Is in the author's own words**
- + **Is very nicely summarized**
- + **Does not include opinions or background information**