

Journal Article Summary Guideline

- Define the goal of the research. This is typically stated in the introduction section of the paper.
- For each figure, briefly describe the experiment, and then state the most important result. You need not describe all aspects of the experiment in detail, rather you should give a general description (rats were infected with 500 cpu of RB50 ...) How does one determine the important result? Often the author will state something like “ these results demonstrate that...”, or “these results clearly show that...”. Do not copy down exactly what the author says (that’s plagiarism), rather paraphrase, in your own words, what the author has stated.
- Provide the authors conclusion. This will be found in the discussion section. This can be challenging because the author may attempt to conclude many things as they relate to previously published work.