

SUMMARIZING

There are three ways to borrow secondary information (secondary source material): summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting.

When summarizing, you condense an extended idea or argument into a sentence or more in your own words. You try to give the reader the gist of the original author's idea.

Example

"Aristotle takes a position against Gorgias claiming that though all men construct arguments and refute them, some do this from natural inclination, others by becoming habituated to sound practices" (Hill 58).

Summary

In Hill's article, Aristotle argues with Gorgias about the origins of argument (58).