

Short and Sweet Summaries

A summary is a short and sweet retelling of a text. It only includes the most important details. Use the writing strategy of "Somebody Wanted But So Then" to help you write a short fiction summary!

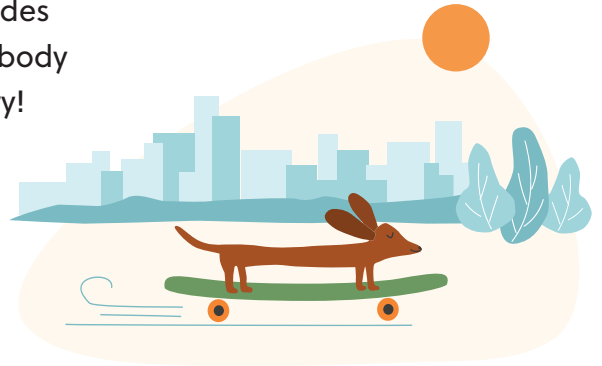
Part 1. Read the passage and write a short summary.

Elias was assigned a big project in his social studies class. He wanted to do well on the project, but he knew it was a lot of work. He thought it would be boring, too. Elias had two weeks until the due date.

Elias could have gone home and started the project. Instead, he put it off. He went skateboarding with his friends at the park, and he played video games with his brother. When his mom suggested he clean his room, Elias happily cleaned. He chose to do anything other than the project.

Elias suddenly panicked as he remembered the due date. The project was due tomorrow! He hadn't even started. He was too afraid to tell his mom. She would not be happy about this. Immediately, Elias began scrambling to figure out how he could get the project done on time.

At school the next day, Elias turned in his finished product. Elias was not proud of the work he had completed. He believed it would have been much better if he spent more time on it. Elias wished that he had been more responsible.



Somebody	Elias
Wanted	He wanted to do well on the social studies project.
But	He procrastinated.
So	He panicked and scrambled to complete the project the night before it was due.
Then	He turned in a project that was not his best work.

Part 2. Write a three-sentence summary using the information from the chart in Part 1.

Elias wanted to do well on the social studies project, but he procrastinated. So, he panicked and scrambled to complete the project the night before it was due. Then, he turned in a project that was not his best work.
