**Summarization Activity**

***Directions: Read the example essay and determine what the main ideas are. Then, choose which sentences below would and would not belong in a summary about the text, and drag them under the correct category.***

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**Answer Key**

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