ONE SENTENCE SUMMARY

Formula:

1. Identify the thing being summarized.

2. Tell what it “begins with.”

3. Tell what is in the middle (or what it’s mostly about);
   has words such as “covers”, “discusses”, “presents”,
   or “develops the idea that . . .”

4. Tell what “it ends with”, or “ends when.”

Example:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

The story, “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” begins with
Goldilocks walking into the empty cottage of the three bears,
describes her investigation and disturbing the food and
furnishings in their home, and ends with her being found by them
asleep in Baby Bear’s bed.