

Summarizing a Reference Process

Fox

Foxes differ in size from their relatives, the wolves and jackals, being generally smaller and having larger, more furry and triangular ears, more pointed muzzles and straighter jaws, longer and more bushy tails and longer hair. All foxes live in holes in the earth, or in holes in rocks or trees; but unlike most burrowing animals, they do not sleep throughout the winter. They prowl about at night, stealthily approaching their prey of woodchucks, rabbits, ground birds, poultry, etc., or sometimes lambs, which they capture with a quick rush. When other food is scarce, however, they will consume rats, mice, frogs, worms, beetles or even

fruits. Foxes breed in early spring from the first year and sometimes for ten years thereafter, producing annually from three to seven young. The life of the fox is from fourteen to sixteen years. The eyes of the young do not open until from nineteen days to a month after birth, and after that time, for about two months, both parents watch them and protect them carefully, and the mother fox nurses them for six months. A yelping bark is the call and cry of the fox. The scent that hounds of the huntsmen follow is secreted by a gland beneath the tail. When a fox is captured, it will sometimes pretend it is dead and will endure the roughest treatment without a sign of life.

1. READ a source text.

As you read the source text, look for five to seven interesting, important, or relevant facts.

2. WRITE a KWO.

Put the topic key words on the Roman numeral line.

Write two to three key words per line from facts (not sentences).

Leave the clincher line empty.

3. REARRANGE details as needed in the first draft.

Be sure to follow the topic-clincher rule: The topic sentence and the clincher sentence must repeat or reflect two to three key words.

4. EDIT and then complete a final draft.

Use the checklist. Indicate stylistic techniques and include bibliographic information as required by your teacher. (See sample on page 30.)

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Source: "Fox" *The Word Book: Organized Knowledge in Story and Picture*, 1922.
I. foxes, smaller, evolved
1. Δ, ears, pointed, muzzles, {
2. ∅ hibernate, winter, nocturnal
3. 3-7 young
4. eyes, open, 3-4 weeks
5. when, captured, play ↓
6. endure, rough, treatment
clincher

