**GETTING THE GIST**

General Description:

The GIST (Generating Interactions Between Schemata and Text) reading comprehension strategy can be used both during and after reading a piece of text. One creates a GIST by writing a summary of 20 words that precisely captures the main ideas of the text in a complete sentence. In a group, each person writes their own GIST and then the group decides collectively on one of them or combines ideas to create the best GIST.

Directions:

Read the assigned text and create a GIST (one word per line) in the space provided below. Review your GIST to make sure it’s clear and contains the main ideas of the text. Remember, your GIST should be a complete sentence.

**The GIST of**

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