

Mental Moves

Explain

1. Capture the Big Picture

What happened? What was the outcome? What is your topic or purpose? Who is your audience and what do they need or want to know?

2. Reorder Events or Steps

Where did the process or event begin? What steps did it go through?

3. Look for Key Causes

What events stand out as important shifts?

4. Gather Evidence

Which are the most important details?

5. Summarize or Draw Conclusions

What did I learn from this examination?