

## Exercise for Tutorial 21. Summarizing

**Principle I. Summaries include the most important ideas of a longer piece of writing. They NEVER include your own reactions or opinions.**

**Principle II. To write a summary, follow these steps:**

- 1. Read the original text and annotate it.**
- 2. In one or two introductory sentences, explain the subject of the text, that is, what position or problem the text is about.**
- 3. Referring to your annotated text, write the body of your summary, using complete sentences and including all the main points, necessary definitions of important terms, and any conclusion or recommendation.**
- 4. Do not add any of your own opinions.**

### Exercise 1

**Instructions:** Using Principles I and II, annotate the following article and then write a summary for it. *Type or write in the annotation space. Use Enter/Return to space your annotations. Then use the answer box that follows to type or write your summary*

Article	Annotation space
<p>Though gangs are primarily male dominated, research indicates that female gang membership is on the rise. In 2006, the National Youth Gang Center stated that “youth gang membership among girls has been more widely reported by law enforcement than in the past.” In May of 2008, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) found that in high risk and high crime neighborhoods 29.4% of girls and 32.4% of boys claimed gang membership when self-definition was used as a measure.</p> <p>In accord with several studies, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency ranked young females as the fastest growing offenders in the nation. Female gang members continue to perform the traditional subordinate functions of providing financial, sexual and emotional support to the male gang members. They continue to take on more active roles in gangs, gaining added responsibilities and independence.</p> <p>Reports from the FBI indicate that the “Sureños” or southern gangs are developing female subset organizations with their own names and</p>	

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hierarchies. Their activities involve recruitment of male and female associates, hiding weapons and drugs (as in most gangs) and organizing crimes, which benefit their subset or gang as a whole.

Although “all female” gangs do exist, they are rare and infrequently the focus of law enforcement. Furthermore, law enforcement officials are less likely to recognize or stop female gang members and have experienced difficulty at times in identifying them in gang related activities.

--excerpted from “Gangs 101: Understanding the Culture of Youth Violence” *Esperanza, Strengthening Our Community*.

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**Summary**