

Passage

Book, chapter, and verses:

First summary

What happens or is argued?

1. Observation

Who speaks or acts? What repeats, contrasts, changes, causes, or results do you see?

2. Context

What comes before and after? What are the book, audience, genre, and situation?

Questions from the text

What is unclear? Which question matters most, and what evidence would help answer it?

Additional notes

Repeated words, contrasts, connections, an outline, or details to revisit.

Meaning and Response

3. Interpretation

What did this passage communicate in its literary and historical context? What evidence supports your summary?

Connections and checks

Which related passages or reliable sources clarify this text? Do responsible Christian interpretations differ?

4. Response

What belief, hope, confession, repair, boundary, or action follows from the passage's meaning?

Prayer

Respond honestly with praise, gratitude, lament, confession, intercession, or a request for wisdom.

Next question or passage

What should you investigate, discuss, or read next?
