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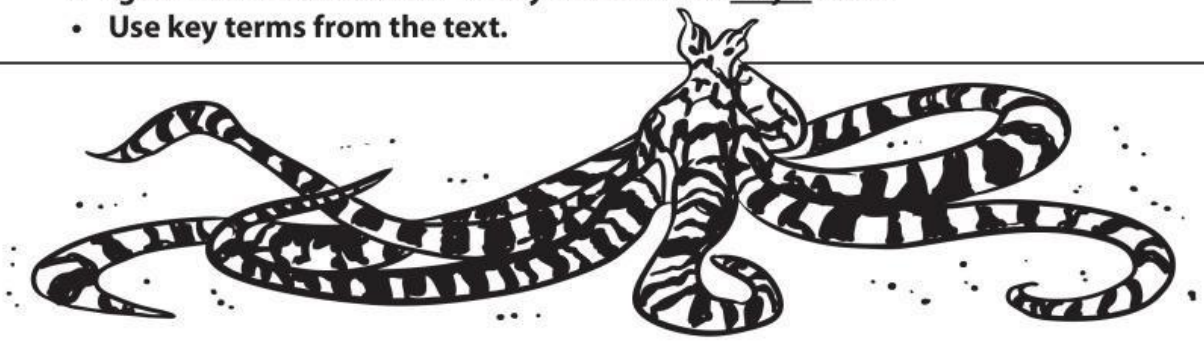
Writing a Nonfiction Summary: The Mimic Octopus

A summary is a short description of the most important ideas and information in a text. A good nonfiction summary focuses on the important details and facts that help you best understand the text.

Tips:

- **Include the main idea.**
- **Ignore the little details. → Pay attention to major facts.**
- **Use key terms from the text.**



Directions: Read the passage below and pay attention to the main ideas and important details about the topic. Write a 3-4 sentence summary on the lines.

The Mimic Octopus	Summary
The chameleon is a creature that has the ability to change its appearance in the face of danger. Do you know a sea creature that can do the same thing? It's called the mimic octopus. The mimic octopus can change its appearance. It can also change its mannerisms, or the way it behaves. This creature is able to act like a different species. In fact, it can imitate 15 different species. The octopus changes its color and texture to match its surroundings. It is able to change the way it swims. A mimic octopus can look and act like sea snakes, seashells, stingrays, flounder, and jellyfish. An animal changes its skin color and texture to blend in with the environment. Many animals do this for protection. The mimic octopus is unique because it can act like many different animals. This helps it flee from predators. It helps the mimic octopus catch its prey. That's what you call an adaptation!	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

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