Reading Strategy Exercise

Read the passage and ask yourself, "What is the author doing in this paragraph?" Write your answer in the summary box and then think of an appropriate title for the passage based on the main idea of the passage.

TEXT

WHO	Sometime in December of 1891, Dr. James Naismith was teaching gym at the YMCA College in Springfield, Massachusetts. It was raining, and Dr. Naismith was trying to keep his students active. He wanted them playing a vigorous game that would keep them moving. He rejected a few ideas that were too rough. Then Naismith had his breakthrough. He wrote out the rules for a game with peach baskets fixed to ten-foot elevated tracks.	WHAT
WHERE	Naismith's students played against one another, passing the ball around and shooting it into the peach baskets. Dribbling was not a part of the original game. Also, it took a while to realize that the game would run more smoothly if the bottoms of the baskets were removed. But this game grew to be one of the most popular sports in America today. Can you guess which one?	WHEN

Summarize this paragraph in one sentence. **Be specific and clearly explain the main idea.**

An appropriate title: _____







