A chapter summary tells events, in order, of what happened in that chapter.

A chapter summary is not the same as a retell. Retelling the story is much more detailed and longer. It is actually harder to write a summary!

You start a summary by capturing the big idea in the story.

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| Claudia and Jamie pay for a mailbox number so that they can collect mail. In addition, the two children deliver their clue about the Angel statue to the museum office. |

* First, Claudia and Jamie paid $4.50 to rent a mailbox for a part of a year. They needed the mailbox so that they can receive return mail from the museum in the hopes of helping them solve the mystery of “The Angel”
* Next, Claudia and Jamie thought that if they blended into a school group visiting the museum, they might convince a student to deliver their message to the museum office.
* As Claudia and Jamie approached the Egyptian wing, they heard conversations from students and realized they were students from Jamie’s third grade class!
* In the end, Claudia had Jamie take the note to the office and the two children were able to evade Jamie’s classmates and his teacher.