




Researching history



What are you reading for?


- **Information** (Rome was one of the most powerful empires of the ancient world)
- **Facts and opinions** (Julius Caesar was assassinated by conspiring senators vs. Julius Caesar's assassination was justified because he was a tyrant)
- **Events** (Rome made a strategic trading and military alliance with Egypt and Queen Cleopatra)
- **Timelines** (The fall of Rome began in 285 BC when Rome split into eastern and western Rome)
- **Key figures** (Julius Caesar was an important emperor in Rome], because of his influence and military conquest.)
- **Culture/Beliefs** (Romans had a complex class system and believed in many different gods)
- **Cause and effect** (Romans conquered Northern Africa, Europe, and Asia, causing much of their culture, language, and philosophy to survive even today).



How to manage & evaluate information? This is taken from the Canadian Encyclopedia

Choose 20-25 words/numbers that you should pull out of this information and then paraphrase into your own words.

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How to manage information? This is what a summary should look like

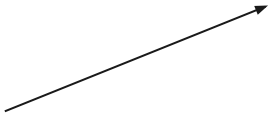
Now paraphrase:

Vimy Ridge is **Canada's most celebrated military victory** of world war 1. **Four divisions fought together for the first time** to beat the Germans, but tragically **10 500 troops were killed or wounded**.



How to organize information

Titles are important



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Battle of Vimy Ridge: World war 1

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Next steps: Categorize

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Summary

Notes

Overview

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- First time four divisions fight together
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Separate the sections

Purpose

Canadians were part of a larger offensive **to divert German resources and break the stalemate**

- Break stalemate
- Part of larger offensive
- Diverted German resources



Next Step: Once you have the notes/summary from one source: Ask questions and verify using other sources

It's good to do
initial research
first then ask
questions

For example if you ask: Why is Vimy Ridge important for Canadian History? You get

