

Notes on “When You Turn 18” Summary

1. Create an original title – do not use the title of the pamphlet because that is already taken. Instead, create your own title that may incorporate the title in some way.

Example:

“Becoming an Adult: A Summary of Ideas
from ‘When You Turn 18’ by the California
Bar Association”

2. Introduce the publication and source in the first sentence of your first paragraph (this is a necessity in any piece of writing where you discuss another written piece).

3. This is the first writing assignment of the semester and it is mandatory to adhere to the writing rules laid out early in the Fall semester:

- Complete sentences
- No “you” (very important for this piece because the *pamphlet* is written in 2nd person but the summary must be objective!
- Correct MLA format!
- Look on my web page for the categories as they were assigned to the groups – write one paragraph per category.
- “18” is not acceptable – use “eighteen”

4. Paraphrase and summarize—do not copy! If you include a **short** quote for emphasis, put it in quotation marks. There is no need to give a parenthetical citation, as you are only discussing one publication that you, hopefully, introduced fully in the first paragraph.

5. Be sure to include the second paragraph where you describe the three most interesting facts presented from the publication (again—no “I” or “In my opinion”).

6. Attach the notes that you took during other groups’ presentations.