

Inside Reading Level 3
Unit 9 Skill Review: Summarizing a Text Using Nontext Elements

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Unit 9 Review Skill asks you to summarize each section in Reading 1, recording only the important facts for each date given. You are to use the present tense and use time words as necessary.

Let's take a look at how to do this with the sections below. Read each excerpt and then fill in the blanks with information from the Reading to summarize each section. Note that each blank may contain a word or a phrase.

1206

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1206- The _____ is established. Genghis Khan unites a _____ of armies to fight for _____ and _____ all of Mongolia.

1296

An Engineering Feat

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1296- The Florentine rulers hire Arnolfo di Cambio to _____. However, once the nave is built, it is so _____ no one is certain how to build a _____ over it. Not _____ the fourteenth century is the problem solved by Brunelleschi's _____ feat.

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Answer Key

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