

SUMMARY OF *I CAN HEAR THE SUN*

Instructions: This is a summary paragraph of the story told in *I Can Hear the Sun* by Patricia Polacco (Philomel Books, 1996). Cut these sentences into strips; students should put them in the correct order.

Fondo spends his summer days at the park by Lake Merritt.

At first he doesn't talk to anybody, he just quietly observes the geese, looking distant and sad.

Then the caretaker invites him to help her feed the geese.

He says "yes" and they become better acquainted as he becomes especially attached to a blind goose he cares for.

He also becomes friends with a homeless woman and a war veteran in the park.

The caretaker finds out that he lives in a nearby home for unwanted children.

He arrives at the park one day saying that he will be sent away even though he does not want to go.

He ends up escaping, returning to the park, and flying away with the geese.