Analysis VS Summary

What is the big difference?

*A summary is rewriting what you have read in your own words*. One can think of the summary as the short version of the original writing. You should tell the reader what were the main and important points of the writing. Your summary should include the thesis or the main argument of the paper. In the summary, you should not include your opinion or what you think the author is trying to imply by writing it. It should only focus on what the author has written. Summary should also not include any kind of evaluation by the reader. You should not write what you think are the author’s strong or weak arguments.

*An analysis is breaking a large topic into smaller pieces to better understand the subject.* Analysis identifies author’s craft and purpose in word choice. In an analysis you are not telling the reader about the main viewpoints of the author or what the writing is about, it is **examining the structure and the details of the writing**. You break the story into smaller parts to understand it better. Many instructors do not want you to express your opinion about the subject discussed in the paper. You can only give your opinion on how well the author did to convince the reader.