**Assignment:** Write a summary of Naomi Klein's "Introduction" to *On Fire*.

In class, we have read and discussed Klein's "Introduction" about climate change. Now it’s your job to explain the essay to people outside of our classroom. Below, this task is broken down into three main parts. In each section, you’ll need to provide clear, concrete details so that someone who has never read this introduction can understand her argument.

**Part A**: As we have seen, the hardest part of summary is often resisting the urge to list every point in a text. In the first part of your essay, you will quickly introduce Klein (who is she?) and her text (what is she talking about?) before spending most of your time explaining what her **overall argument** is. What is the main idea she wants to convince readers of? **[3-5 sentences]**

**Part B**: Once you’ve explained the main argument, summarize 2 of her primary pieces of evidence or examples. For each piece of evidence, make sure you explain: What is happening in this evidence/example? **and**How/why is it supporting her main argument? In other words, you’re first explaining what the piece of evidence/example is, and then explaining why it’s important for the argument as a whole. **[5-8 sentences]**

**Part C**: Here, you want to conclude your summary. Given Klein’s main argument and evidence, what does she ultimately want readers to do or think differently? For whom is this text most useful and why? **[3-5 sentences]**

Remember, writing a summary requires that you make *choices* about the best way to re-present the original text. It provides your audience with the key points of the text *in your own words*. Your reader should not be able to tell your position on the summarized text; it should not include your opinion.

A successful summary will include:

* Some *context* to introduce the text and author (so that your reader understands who wrote the text and where/when it first appeared)
* The *key ideas and main argument*
* *1-2 examples* of the ways in which the author makes that argument (i.e. what evidence is used to support it?)
* A *conclusion* that connects the main argument/examples to a purpose for writing

**Format:** At least 350 words, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12 pt font with 1-inch margins on all sides. Include a header in the upper left corner with your name, your instructors’ names, the course, and the date.