

To sum up or aggregate documents related to a particular topic in Notion, you can effectively use Notion's databases combined with features like filtering, relations, and rollups. Here's how to do it:

1. Organize Your Docs in a Database

Store your individual doc pages or content pieces as entries in a Notion database (e.g., a table or list).

Include a property (column) to tag or relate each doc to a specific topic—this can be a Select, Multi-select, or a Relation property linking to a "Topics" database.

2. Filter by Topic

Use database filters to display only the docs that match the topic you're interested in.

Filters can be simple (e.g., Topic equals "Marketing") or advanced with AND/OR conditions.

3. Summing Numerical Values (If you want to sum related data)

For numeric properties (e.g., word count, hours spent, budget), Notion lets you calculate the sum at the bottom of a column.

To sum numbers across related docs by topic, use Relations and Rollups:

Create a Relation from your topics database to the docs database.

Add a Rollup property in the Topics database to aggregate (sum) the numerical data from all related docs.

Rollups can perform sum, average, count, or show values from related entries.

4. Summarizing Text Content (If you want a summary of doc contents)

Use Notion AI's summary feature:

Paste or have your docs' content in pages.

Use the /summarize command or add a Notion AI Summary property to capture auto-generated summaries.

This helps create concise overviews of each doc within the database entries.

Practical Example

Have a Topics database listing your main topics.

Have a Docs database where each entry is one document or content piece, with properties including "Topic" (Relation to Topics) and "Word Count" (Number type).

In Topics database, add a Rollup property called "Total Words" that sums the Word Count from all related Docs.

Filter the Docs database by a topic to view only docs on that topic.

Additional Tips

Use grouping in the Docs database by the Topic property to visually organize and quickly see totals.

Use formulas if you want to calculate derived values or conditional sums.

Embed linked databases in a page to create dashboards summarizing documents by topic.

This approach combines Notion's powerful database filtering, relation, rollup, and AI tools to help you sum and summarize your docs by any topic efficiently.

If you want, I can provide step-by-step setup instructions or template examples for this workflow.

Sources: