1. INTRODUCTION:
   a. What is the main topic, or issue presented in the article? Why did the author write the article? (In your own words.)

b. How does this reading relate to our textbook’s issues or themes? Why did you choose this article for this class assignment?

c. Overview: What are the author’s main premises? What issues are raised? What situation is the basis for the article?
2. **WRITE THE BODY/ OR THE CENTER OF YOUR PAPER:** Summarize and evaluate the major points you have chosen from the article.

   a. What are the author’s most important points?

   b. What type of information does the author present to support his/her points?

   c. Is the author’s thinking logical? Where does the author do a good job of conveying factual material as well as personal perspective?
d. Where (if at all) does the author convey personal prejudice?


e. **Question Authority:** What is your critical evaluation of the article? On what do you base your opinion? Keep your opinions distinct and cite your sources.

3. **WRITE THE CONCLUSION:** Use the conclusion to state your overall evaluation.
   a. Is the article objective according to the author’s purpose?
b. How well does the work maintain its focus? Does the author ignore relevant information?

c. How well has the author achieved the overall purpose of the article?

d. What is the most important final comment you wish to make about the article?