

Article Analysis Guidelines

Directions: During the next few weeks, you will be asked to complete the following analysis questions for several different articles we'll be reading. Keep these instructions to use for each. To complete this assignment, answer the following questions. Write these up as short answers numbered 1-5 rather than one complete essay:

1. Write a complete Works Cited (MLA) entry for the article.
2. In 1-2 clear sentences, summarize the thesis of the article. (Using a quote from the article is fine.)
3. Analyze how the thesis is supported in this article. Make a list of key ideas, quotes, facts (and the page numbers they are found on) in the original article that are used as support.
4. Identify each piece of support as either an appeal to logic, and appeal to emotion, or an appeal to character.
5. In one well-developed paragraph, write a critical response to the article. This should include answers to the following:
 - What new ideas did you encounter in this article?
 - What particularly stood out most to you and why?
 - What questions would you ask of its claims and evidence?
 - Which ideas in the article do you agree with? Explain why.
 - Which ideas don't you agree with? Explain why.