

Critical Analysis of Worksheet

1. The main purpose of this article is:
(State as accurately as possible the author's purpose for writing the article)

2. The key question that the author is addressing is:
(Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when s/he wrote the article)

3. The most important information in the article is:
(Figure out the facts, experiences, data the author is using to support her/his conclusions)

4. The main inferences/conclusions in the article are:
(Identify the key conclusions the author comes to and presents in the article)

- 5a. The key concept(s) we need to understand in the article:
(Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to understand the author's line of reasoning)

- 5b. By these concepts the author means?

6. The main assumption(s) underlying the author's thinking is/are:
(Figure out what the author is taking for granted [that might be questioned].)

- 7a. If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are:
(What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning seriously?)
- 7b. If we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are:
(What consequences are likely to follow if people ignore the author's reasoning?)
8. The main point(s) of view presented in the article are:
(What is the author looking at, and how is s/he seeing it?)