# Article Summary: Response Essay

Add details to each section and consider the 5Ws on the reverse of this page.

***ARTICLE SUMMARY*: What is the main idea or theme? *(NO personal opinions or evaluations)***

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| **Respond to something the author says in the article** | **What do you think?**  |
| 1. **1. Select a *quote* or *paraphrase* something the author said that you either agree or disagree with.**
 | **Why do you agree/disagree? (e.g.) Does the author provide any evidence to support his/her claim?** |
| 1. **2. Select a *quote* or *paraphrase* something the author said that you either agree or disagree with.**
 | **Does the author’s tone indicate potential bias? Is it neutral/informative or argumentative/persuasive?** |
| 1. **3. Who is the author?**
 | **Can you locate any information that tells you more about the author’s expertise or authority on this topic?** |

***Create an MLA style citation for the article you have found:***

***When choosing a source for an assignment, use the 5Ws to evaluate it.***

**Who?**

Who is the author? Investigate author credentials. Does s/he have work experience that contributed to his/her authority on this topic?

**What?**

What type of article is it? An investigative piece? An opinion or editorial essay? Describe the author’s tone: conversational, technical, combative, informative, etc.

**When?**

When was document published? When did these events occur? Can you provide some context to the backdrop of this event?

**Where?**

 In which publication was this document printed? Does the type of newspaper reveal potential bias or perspective?

**Why?**

 What is the author’s purpose in writing this document? Who is the intended audience?