

Article Reflection Guided Questions

The purpose of these reflections is to help you process the information presented in the articles.

Select **ONE** topic and answer the corresponding questions. Be sure to develop a 6-8 sentence paragraph for full credit.

1. What did the **author's purpose** seem to be?

What seemed to be the Author's Purpose in creating this text? Why do you think they might've written it? What were they hoping this text would accomplish? Why do you think so?

2. What can you say about the **theme**?

What was the theme? What is the author's overall message to their audience? Is there a sentence you can choose from the text that captures that? What supporting details allow you to make this inference?

3. What is the **author's position** on any relevant theme or issue?

As a result of this reading, what can you infer is the author's position on any relevant theme or issue? This will often be a social issue—poverty, love, war, courage, race, etc.

4. Who seems to be the **audience**?

Who wants or needs to know this information? Does there seem to be a specific audience the author is trying to reach? Why do you think so? If not, what makes you think there is not a specific audience?

5. What are the most **relevant supporting details**?

What is the relationship between the author's purpose, thesis or theme, and supporting details?

6. What is the **general mood** of the text?

What is the author's general attitude toward their topic? What details makes you think so? How would this text make most people 'feel'? What is the relationship between the tone, mood, and purpose?

7. **Analyze the text**

Identify one important concept, research finding, theory, or idea ... that you learned while reading the text. Why do you believe that this concept, research finding, theory, or idea ... is important? Apply what you have learned from this text to some aspect of your life. What question(s) has the activity raised for you?