

Critical Analysis of an Article:

Choose an article from one of your previous modules and assess the logic of the article using the following template.

1. The main **purpose** of the article is.....

State **accurately** and **precisely** the author's intent/purpose in writing the article.

2. The **key question** addressed by the author is.....

What do you think the author had in mind and was aiming to address when writing the article?

3. The most **important information** in the article is....

You need to identify the key facts, experiences, data being used by the author to support his/her conclusions.

4. The main **inferences / conclusions** in the article are.....

What key conclusions does the author reach?

5. The key **concept(s)** we need to understand in the article is (are)..... By these concepts the author means.....

You need to identify the important ideas, theoretical perspectives you need to understand to understand the author's line of reasoning.

6. The main **assumption(s)** underlying the author's thinking is (are)

What is the author taking for granted [that might be questioned]

7. a) if we follow this line of reasoning the **implications** are.....

What are the consequences of following the author's line of reasoning?

b) if we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously the **implications** are.....

What are the consequences of ignoring the author's line of reasoning?

8. The main point(s) of view presented in this article is (are)

What is the author's perspective?