

A Critical Thinking Template for Analyzing the Logic of an Article

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

2. The key question(s) the author is addressing is/are _____?
(Identify the key questions in the mind of the author when they wrote the article.)

3. The most important information in this article is _____?
(Identify the facts, observations, and/or data the author is using to support their conclusions. Be quantitative.)

4. The main inferences/conclusions in this article are _____?
(Identify the key conclusions the author presents in the article.)

5. If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are _____?
(What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's reasoning seriously?)

6. The main point(s) of view presented in this article is (are) _____
(What is the author looking at, and how is s/he seeing it?)