

Article of the Week

The Article of the Week (AotW) will be assigned on Wednesday and due on Friday.

Completing the article of the week consists of 3 parts:

1. Reading the article
2. Showing evidence of a close reading (on the article).
3. Answering the questions or completing the writing assignment (on separate paper).

How to demonstrate evidence of close reading:

1. Before you read, **number the paragraphs** in the selection. Start with the number one and continue numbering sequentially until you reach the end of the text. Write the number near the paragraph indentation and circle the number; write it small enough so that you have room to write in the margin. Like page numbers, paragraph numbers will act as a reference so you can easily refer to specific sections of the text.
2. As you read, **code the text**.
Use at least 2 of these:
 - a. + for ideas/claims with which you agree
 - b. - for ideas/claims with which you disagree
 - c. ! for ideas/claims that surprise, anger, or cause a strong reaction (“OMG moments”)
 - d. ? for ideas or claims you doubt, or find confusing.Must use this one:
 - e. ★ for important passages, quotes, or facts you want to remember
3. Mark at least **3 reactions** you have (complete sentences) in the margins and/or between the lines as you read.
4. **Circle key terms**. In order to identify a key term, consider if the word or phrase is repeated, defined by the author, used to explain or represent an idea, used in an original (unique) way, a central concept, or idea relevant to one’s reading purpose. Key terms might be names of people, names of places, and/or dates.
5. Underline or highlight 1-2 sentences that you think tell the **main idea** of the article. The main idea may appear anywhere in the text (beginning, middle, or end).
6. Underline **2 supporting details**. Supporting details might include: a process, evidence, definitions, explanations, descriptions, and data/Statistics

Write about it:

Answer the questions that are at the end of the article on separate paper using COMPLETE SENTENCES. If there are no questions, write a 4-7 sentence summary of the article and another 4-7 sentences summarizing your thoughts and opinions on the article.

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