



# The Logic of an Article

- 1) The main **purpose** of this article is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (State as accurately as possible the author's purpose for writing the article.)
- 2) The **key question** that the author addresses is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Figure out the key question, problem, or issue in the mind of the author when he or she wrote the article.)
- 3) The most **important information** in this article is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Identify the facts, experiences, evidence, and data the author uses to support his or her conclusions.)
- 4) The main **inferences/conclusions** in this article are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Identify the key conclusions the author draws and presents in the article. One important conclusion is framed as an assertion and is located in the article's thesis statement.)
- 5) The key **concept(s)** we need to understand in this article is (are) \_\_\_\_\_.  
By these concepts the author means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to grasp the author's line of reasoning.)
- 6) The main **assumption(s)** underlying the author's thinking is (are) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Figure out what the author is takes for granted in his or her argument. What must be true in order for other claims or conclusions to be true? What is a "given" in the argument?)
- 7) If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the **implications** are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning seriously?)
- 8) If we **fail** to take this line of reasoning seriously, the **implications** are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (What consequences are likely to follow if people ignore the author's reasoning?)
- 9) The **main point(s) of view** presented in this article is (are) \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (What is the author's stance, position, etc.? What perspectives are shared or are evident in the article?)