

Thesis/ Argument	
Terms	
Article	
Analysis	

<p><b>Make a Point/Topic</b></p> <p>Often, the point is the TOPIC SENTENCE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the point of this paragraph?</li> <li>• What claim is being made?</li> <li>• What will this paragraph prove or discuss?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Information/Quote</b></p> <p>The information is the EVIDENCE used to support/develop the point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the point supported with specific data, experiences, or other factual material?</li> <li>• What examples can you use to support your point?</li> </ul> <p><u>Ideas for What Kind of INFORMATION You Should Include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facts, details, reasons, examples</li> <li>• Information from the readings or class discussions</li> <li>• Paraphrases or short quotations</li> <li>• Statistics, polls, percentages, data from research studies</li> <li>• Personal experience, stories, anecdotes, examples from your life</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Explanation</b></p> <p>The explanation is the writer’s ANALYSIS, elaboration, evaluation, or interpretation of the point and information given, connecting the information with the point (topic sentence) and the thesis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the provided information mean?</li> <li>• How does it relate to your overall argument?</li> <li>• Why is this information important/significant/meaningful?</li> </ul>	