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Article/Speech Comprehension & Evaluation Form

Instructions: Use this form to assist you in comprehending and analyzing authors'/speakers' overarching theses or claims by noting and evaluating the evidence and support they use in their article or speech. *Please complete each section of this guide **IN ORDER**, as you should write information as you read and/or listen.*

Article/Speech Title:		Source:
Article Date:		
Part I: Article/Speech Comprehension		
<p>1. Annotations & Interpretations: In the space below, take notes on content of the author's/speaker's piece. Take note of the most important information from the majority of its sections, paragraphs and/or stanzas.</p>		
<p>2. Important Quote #1: Write a quote that stands out and reinforces the author's/speaker's main idea/thesis.</p>	<p>3. Important Quote #2: Write a quote that stands out and reinforces the author's/speaker's main idea/thesis.</p>	

4. **Thesis Statement Paraphrase:** In 2-3 sentences, explain the author's/speaker's main argument.

Part II: Personal Evaluation of Article/Speech

5. **Points of Agreement:** Overarching thoughts and perspectives that *support* or *align* with the author's/speaker's evidence and/or arguments.

6. **Points of Disagreement:** Overarching thoughts and perspectives that *contradict* or *reject* author's/speaker's evidence and/or arguments

7. **Fact Check:** Select 2 factual claims or pieces of evidence that the author/speaker uses to support their thesis. Fact check each one by researching to determine if the evidence they used is true or false.

Claim 1: _____

Was this claim true or false? Explain why with evidence and note the source(s) of your research.

Claim 2: _____

Was this claim true or false? Explain why with evidence and note the source(s) of your research.

8. **Personal reflection and viewpoint:** In a 2-3 sentence thesis, evaluate the author's/speaker's thesis and supporting evidence and arguments. In other words, to what extent is this author's/speaker's main argument accurate and supported by evidence?

