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Collins, Gail. "A Trump Fawners Almanac." *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 2 Mar.

2018, www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/opinion/donald-trump-jeff-sessions.html?smid=pl-share.

Part 1: Article Analysis

Throughout the article, Gail Collins lists the positions that have opened in the government and why. She starts with Hope Hicks and Sean Spicer but moves onto Jeff Sessions whose position appears to be endangered. Armed with facts and previous events, she outlines what's gone wrong and why. Her description of this issue focuses on what's happened so far and what we might expect of the future.

Tone:

Collins uses an amused, but cynical tone to represent the facts of the situation and show the effects of Trump on close individuals.

Context:

Collins provides context for her arguments through reference to recent events and our presidents attitude towards officials in that time. While still keeping the somewhat amused tone she started with, she the possible reasons for white house strife.

Appeals:

In this piece, Collins often relied on logos, presenting what has happened and the consequences of those actions.

Strategies and Devices:

Within this article, Collins used few devices outside of the rhetorical appeals. However, there was a well placed rhetorical question at the end of the article.

Organization:

This article follows a flow commonly found in the authors work, a flow of recent events, and what the opinion of Americans is on the subject.

Diction/Word Choice:

This op-ed piece was written to be easily understood by many, and to influence the rest to look more at the events taking place around them. His article consistently presents the issue and its effects for the reader to see.

Part 2: Personal Response:

Collins article starts with a statement, "Sycophancy isn't as easy as it looks." The claim of the article is that Donald Trump is driving people out of the white house with his ideas. In writing this article, Collins aimed to show what about Trump had him driving people out. Throughout the article she uses logos, listing recent events and staff changes. She gets the message of the article through to the average person, and reader of this article. The bulk of the article is built upon things Trump himself has said at live events and through twitter. Overall, the article focused on the staff changes at the White House and built the idea that there is a reason for all of our president's actions towards officials. The column closes with a question in response to the firing of the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, the acting attorney general and the F.B.I. director, "Hmm, what do all those offices have in common?"

