Rhetorical analysis

**Instructions**: This quiz is meant to measure your knowledge at the beginning of this course. I don’t expect you to be an expert at this task, only that you give it your best effort. Your task is to read the assigned article and complete this table.

* Try to budget your time so that you can complete the table in about 45 minutes.
* Start by reviewing the table below. Next, skim the article quickly to get a general sense of its contents and structure, then re-read it with the table components in mind.
* You are welcome to construct answers in complete sentences or in bullet point format.
* **When constructing your responses, please use only the information available in the article.**

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|  | **Description**  *Describe the element.* | **Clues & Indicators**  *Explain how you know.* |
| **WHY was it written? *(purposes)***   * What situation or problem motivated the author to write this? * What do you think the writer wants readers to do, think, believe, or feel? |  |  |
| **WHAT SPECIFIC CATEGORY of writing is this? (*genre*)** |  |  |
| **WHO wrote this (*author*) AND WHO published it *(publication)?*** |  |  |
| **WHO was it written for? *(audiences)*** |  |  |
| **WHERE & WHEN was it written? (*context*)**   * What is the historical, political, and/or cultural background for this article? * Is there anything significant about timing that prompted the author to write this article? |  |  |