Graphic Organizer: **Analyzing Appeals to Logos (reason)**

(from Hixenbaugh 2013)

As you read, collect your thoughts in the table below. You may not need every box. Or you may need more.

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| **1. What facts are used to support the argument? List any here** | |
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| **2. Analyzing Facts:** What sources do these facts draw on? List the sources. What facts are missing from the argument? Do any of the facts seem unreliable or incomplete? | |
| Specific examples |  |
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| **3. Analyzing logic:** How are the facts used to promote an argument? For each fact or group of facts, identify any unspoken premises and any claims related to the facts. | |
| Facts | Premises and Claims |
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Now, the fun part! Write a short essay (100-200 words) analyzing the author’s appeals to reason using the “Claim, Evidence, Analysis” model. Use the following questions to help you make a claim. Then describe your evidence, and analyze your evidence to show how it supports your claim.

* What implicit or unspoken premises underlie the author’s reasoning?
* Are there any weaknesses in the reasoning of the author – in the association between the major premise, the minor premise, and the claim?

Do not feel pressured to repeat all of the information you have captured on this paper. Spend your time exploring the appeals you consider most prominent, and make sure you analyze them completely.