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Rhetorical Analysis Worksheet

**1. Introduction:** Underline the thesis in the introduction. Does it address the two parts of the assignment? Is it arguable and worth arguing about?

* What strategies does the text use to persuade its audience?
* Why does author use these strategies, and to what end?

2. **Read the essay:**

a. Mark paragraphs/sentences that are clear and those that you find confusing.

b. Write an outline of the essay that shows the order of topics and subtopics. This should include an introduction, history of the controversy, several claims, and a conclusion.

3. **Do you know the position** of the writer? If so, mark the paper where it comes across.

4. On the back of this worksheet, name **the greatest strength** of the essay, and the thing that **needs the most improvement**. Consider the following aspects of the writing:

**Content**: Does the piece adequately describe the controversy?

**Introduction**: Does the introduction clearly state the controversy and provide an outline of the essay?

**Structure**: Is the overall structure clear, logical, and easy to follow?

**Mechanics**: Are the paragraphs and sentences clear and grammatically correct?

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Writer’s Name:

Reviewer’s Name:

Peer Review Worksheet: Popular Article Analysis

1. Read through the essay and mark any passages that you find confusing.

2. List each main claim here. For each example, evaluate based on the following criteria:

* Is the claim well articulated?
* Does the example effectively support the claim?
* Is the significance of the claim articulated?

3. Review with your partner. Then discuss what kinds of claims you may want to make for your Rhetorical Analysis essay. How will you build this into a thesis?