

**Objective:** This assignment aims to deepen your understanding of our readings by critically analyzing its structure, core arguments, and potential weaknesses.

**Requirements:**

- **Sources:** Focus solely on the assigned reading.
- **Length:** Limit your bibliography to 1 page (excluding citations).
- **Format:** Include the following sections for each entry:
- **Full citation:** Ensure the citation follows the citation style that you prefer (e.g. MLA, APA, Chicago).
- **Format:**
  - **Structure summary:** Briefly outline the reading's main sections, organization, and flow of ideas. (1 paragraph)
  - **Core argument(s):** Identify and explain the central thesis or claims the author is making. (1-2 paragraphs)
  - **Weakness of core argument(s):** Analyze and discuss at least one potential weakness or limitation of the author's argument. This could be a gap in evidence, an alternative perspective, or a methodological limitation. (1 paragraph)

**Grading Criteria:**

- Accuracy and completeness of citations
- Clarity and conciseness of summaries and analyses
- Depth and insightfulness of identified weaknesses
- Effective writing and organization
- Proper formatting and grammar

**Submission Suggestions:**

Notes Entry for [Name and Author of Reading].

**Structure Summary:**

- Briefly introduce the text and author. State the title, author, and main topic of the piece.
- Outline the main sections and their flow. Identify the key arguments or ideas presented in each section and how they connect to each other.
- Emphasize the organization and logic of the text. Show how the author builds their argument or explores the topic.
- Avoid lengthy details and unnecessary interpretations. Keep it concise and objective, focusing on the structure and content of the text.

**Core Argument(s):**

- Identify the central thesis or claim of the text. What is the main point the author is trying to make?
- Clearly explain the argument, using your own words but staying true to the author's intent.
- Provide evidence from the text to support your explanation. Quote key passages or summarize significant points that illustrate the argument.
- Avoid oversimplification or misinterpretations. Ensure your explanation captures the nuances and complexities of the author's claim.

**Weakness of Core Argument(s):**

- Choose a potential limitation or gap in the author's argument. This could be an overlooked counterargument, a lack of evidence, or a theoretical flaw.
- Explain the weakness clearly and objectively. Avoid simply stating it as a fact; provide rationale and supporting evidence from the text or external sources.
- Offer alternative perspectives or points of consideration. This demonstrates your critical thinking and acknowledges the multifaceted nature of the topic.
- Maintain a respectful and balanced tone. While criticizing the argument, avoid personal attacks or devaluing the author's perspective.