

QUICK TIPS FOR WRITING THE CRITICAL REVIEW

1. Summary of article:

- Who is the author and what is the author's purpose?
- O Who is the article written for?
- o What organizational method is used?
- What is the argument of the article?
- O What examples does the author use?
- What conclusions does the author come to?

2. Analysis of contents:

- Are the examples credible?
- o How do the argument and the examples compare to other articles you have read?
- O What can be learned from the article?

3. Ask yourself:

Which of the elements of the summary and analysis should be included in the introduction to the critical review?

Which of the elements should be included in the following paragraphs?

How will you organize your summary and analysis?

What is important for the conclusion?

4. Some tips:

- o If you want to put in some quotes from the text, you must put them into quotation marks and indicate the pages on which they appear.
- On't let the author make a point for you. You must always tell the reader what you got out of the quote, and how it relates to your analysis of the article.

- o Be sure to craft a conclusion to your review: this should be a synthesis of the important points and what they have helped you to understand.
- Don't forget to include a References section in which you list the article and any other articles you have read to help you complete the analysis.