Summary/Response Template

• A brief SUMMARY (1 paragraph) of the main ideas in this article. Practice putting the main ideas into your own words and try to describe both the 'story' (what happened) and the writer's thesis (which may be stated or unstated). You can find the thesis usually by asking: What is the main idea that the writer is trying to get across?

• Your CRITICAL RESPONSE (1-2 paragraphs) to the reading that explores the strengths and weaknesses of the reading. Your critical response could include your favorite quotation from the reading, using a 'lead-in' and an 'in-text' citation.

• Your PERSONAL RESPONSE (1-2 paragraphs) that describes your personal reaction to this reading (what the reading made you think or feel, what you'd like to tell the writer, how you think this reading relates to people today).