

## Rhetoric 1105-003:Pre-reading Questions

You must answer all of the pre-reading questions based on information found in your article. Write full sentence answers and provide textual examples from the text to support your answers. This information will provide you with the material you require to summarize the article. Use 12pt. Font and double-space all of your answers. Write out the question first followed by your answer. You will receive 12.5 % for this part of the assignment.

### Pre-Reading Strategies:

1. Is there any biographical information about the author?
2. What does this information tell you about the subject?
3. What is the main subject?
4. How does the author narrow the subject?
5. Start with the author's thesis or theses if there is more than one argument or idea at work in the body of the text. Look closely at the argument(s). Is it a "deductive" or "inductive" argument?

### Reading for Information:

1. What are the main themes? List two (2).
2. What do we learn about the subject through the author? Paraphrase a minimum of two (2) statements using your own words.
3. What views and secondary sources does the author use to support his or her own argument? List a minimum of two (2) sources.
4. What are their backgrounds? Are they reliable scholars or sources. Why or why not?
5. What disciplines does the subject cover? List two (2).

### Reading for Form, Organization and Expository Features:

1. Is the author using an identifiable genre? List a minimum of two (2).
2. Analyze the tone and the narrative point-of-view.
3. Look at the sentence structure. Are the sentences long or short? Is the language matter-of-fact? Is it emotional or detached? Provide three (3) quotes from the text for each question to support your view.
4. What comparisons and contrasts are used? List two (2)?
5. What examples does the author use? List two (2).
6. Does the author define her terms? What terms does she use? List a minimum of two (2)
7. What analyses and evaluations are made? List two (2).
8. Look at the introduction. Compare it with conclusion. Are you satisfied with the conclusion?

### Rhetorical Concerns:

1. What community of readers is the piece intended for?
2. What impact does the author want to have on the reader?

3. Are you persuaded? Describe your own point-of-view.