



Identifying Issues and Debates Template (Reference)

Initial Questions	Use these questions to start thinking about the issues and debates in the article.
What is the author's main argument?	Answering these questions helps us to think about the writer's motivations and goals. Are they trying to solve a problem? Are they trying to add to our understanding of a topic?
What is the author's main goal? Why did they write the article?	
What field(s) of study does the writer connect with?	
Who is the writer's audience?	
Issues and Debates	<p>Use these steps to present the issues and debates</p> <p>A. Using the ideas from above, identify two or three different issues or debates in the article.</p> <p>B. Indicate what position the article takes on that debate.</p>
<p>Issue or Debate #1</p> <p>A. Describe the issue or debate.</p> <p>B. What position in the issue or debate does the author take?</p>	Think of an issue or debate as a question that many different people might want to explore and answer. How does this writer choose to approach the question? Answer it?
<p>Issue or Debate #2</p> <p>A. Describe the issue or debate.</p> <p>B. What position in the issue or debate does the author take?</p>	
<p>Issue or Debate #3</p> <p>A. Describe the issue or debate.</p> <p>B. What position in the issue or debate does the author take?</p>	
Add more issues or debates as you find them.	