

Close and Critical Reading Article of the Week

For this week:

Step 1: **Read** the article and highlight in yellow as you read (Minimum of 5):

- Highlighting certain words and phrases that you think are important

Step 2: T4 (Talking to the Text) Read the article for a second time and make notes in the margin (at least 5 Notes in the margin). Notes should include:

- Comments that show that you understand the article. (Summarizing main ideas, making connections to your life/ today's world, identifying new vocabulary, anything that helps you connect with the content of the reading.)
- Questions you have that show what you are wondering about as you read.
- Notes that differentiate between fact and opinion
- Observations about how the writer's strategies (organization, word choice, perspective, support) and choices affect the article.

---Should not be the same type of comment 5 times. Only repeat once if needed

-Notes can begin like:

- "This reminds me of..."
- "I agree with... because"
- "I disagree with... because"
- "I like..."
- "I think that..."
- "I feel..."
- "I wonder..."

Step 3: **A final quick read** noting anything you may have missed during the first two reads.

Your margin notes are part of your score for this assessment

Step 4: **Word, Phrase, Sentence:**

Highlight one word out of the entire article that sums up the main idea. Highlight one phrase out of the entire article that relates to the main idea. Highlight one complete sentence that details the main idea of the entire article. Once you have highlighted them, add a note for each that gives an explanation as to why you chose each one.