

# Writing about an Article

## Step 1—Active Reading:

As you read, *highlight* important people, events, ideas, quotes, etc. You will go back and look at your highlights to determine what to write.

## Step 2: Brief Synopsis

Write a brief synopsis (or summary) of the article, in which you address the questions below. Not all the questions will apply to all articles, but they should be used, along with your highlights, as a guideline.

- When was the article written, and who wrote it?
- What is the subject or focus of the article?
- Who is doing what in the story? Or who is saying what?
- Where is the event or problem happening: in Iraq? On the internet? In American families/schools? Across the world? (You get the idea)
- What predictions (if any) are made about the impact of this situation, person, or event?

## Step 3: Your Reaction

Did you enjoy the article? Why or why not?

Did you learn anything new?

Has the way you look at the subject changed after reading this article?

## Assignment Requirements:

*Length:* At least one page, double spaced, handwritten or typed.

*Heading:* Please include your name, teacher, and date in the upper left hand corner of your paper.

*Title:* Give the assignment a title on the top line, centered. It doesn't have to be fancy. "Response to [Name of Article]" will work.