Rhetorical Précis Template

1. What is the name of the article?
2. In what year was the article published?
3. Who is the author?
4. Circle one of the following words (Which one do you like best?)

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1. What is the major claim, or thesis statement, of the article?
2. List one piece of support that the author uses to “back-up” his/her thesis statement.
3. What is the purpose of the article?
4. Who is the intended audience of the article? How do you know?