## **Critical Reading Worksheet\***

As you read or after, answer these questions to analyse what you have read.

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| 1. What is the author’s main argument? Write down the main idea *using your own words*. |
| 2. List the reasons the author provides for his/her main argument. |
| 3. What kind of evidence is presented to support the author’s argument? What is the source of the information—theoretical, surveys, statistical data, literary historical, or a mix of sources etc. |
| 4. Is the evidence provided enough to prove the author’s argument? Do you still have doubt about the author’s argument even after looking at the evidence? |
| 5. What are the major underlying assumptions that the author makes, and do you think they are reasonable and acceptable? |
| 6. Would any of your other readings in the course support what the author says? Are there any that would disagree? |
| \* Adapted from: ESC Online Writing Center. (2015). After Reading: Evaluating What You Have Read. Retrieved from <http://www.esc.edu/online-writing-center/resources/critical-reading-writing/general-reading/evaluating-what-you-have-read/> |

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