

Prewriting worksheet

Name: _____

Class: _____ Period: _____ Date: _____

Choose a news article

Title: _____

Author: _____

Source: _____

Ask critical questions

Evaluating the news media allows us to think critically about the news we read. Generate five questions about the article you have read. Things to consider:

- What information was selected for the article, what was considered important by the author?
- What values or bias, if any, are present in the article?
- What is the context of the news, and what is the purpose of the article?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Create a tree diagram

Topic: _____

Main idea(s):

*Facts, quotes
and details that
support the
main idea(s):*

Write a thesis statement

Write a single opinion sentence. This thesis statement will be the main point that you, as the author, will be making about this news article and about this topic. Use the questions and the tree diagram you made to help you write your thesis statement.

Thesis: _____
