

# Critical Analysis Essay Template

## Introduction

Title of the work being analyzed: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Publication date and source (journal, book, website, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief context of the work (historical moment, debate, issue discussed):

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Author's central claim or argument:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your thesis statement (your critical evaluation of the work and how well the argument succeeds):

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## Summary

The text examines or discusses:

\_\_\_\_\_

The author argues that:

\_\_\_\_\_

Key ideas or events that shape the discussion:

\_\_\_\_\_

Important concept, theme, or central figure in the work:

\_\_\_\_\_

The author ultimately concludes that:

\_\_\_\_\_

## Analysis

My evaluation of the work (strengths, weaknesses, or limitations):

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Specific examples, passages, or quotations that support my interpretation:

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How effectively the author develops the central argument:

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Clarity and originality of the author's reasoning or perspective:

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How well the work addresses its intended audience:

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Quality and credibility of the evidence used by the author:

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My overall interpretation based on this analysis:

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## **Conclusion**

Restated thesis (expressed in new words):

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Key insights from the analysis:

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Final reflection on the significance or impact of the work:

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