

Analyzing Evidence

After completing a reading, go back to the text and identify one claim the author makes. Directly quote or paraphrase the claim on the lines below. Use the following table to investigate the evidence the writer uses to advance his or her claim. Remember to fill in the spaces below with the appropriate source information.

Title of Text: _____

Type of Text: _____ Author: _____

Author's Claim: _____

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