

# Components of a Critique Paper

## Introduction

Author(s) and title

Article's main point(s)

Thesis statement that previews *your* analysis

## Summary

Brief discussion of the article's intended contribution to the related literature

Sketch of the article's line of argument and analytical approach

Brief recap of the article's conclusions, findings and recommendations

## Assessment

Applicability and validity of the article's analytical approach

What types of evidence or persuasion are used?

Has evidence been interpreted fairly?

Persuasiveness of the article's main arguments

Does the structure of the article clarify and support the argument?

Are some specific parts of the article more or less persuasive than others?

Does the article achieve its aims? Does it make other contributions?

The article's objectivity

Does the article adequately address alternative perspectives?

Is the reasoning based on generally accepted facts and legal propositions, or does it rely on questionable assumptions and/or value judgments?

## Conclusion

Key points from the article and from your own analysis

Open questions and possible future work