

EH 101 Outline for MWA 4: Summary/Response

Directions: Use the outline template below to prepare for your first draft.

I. Introduction

- Introduces topic/problem with rhetorical “hook”
- Shows writer’s investment in the topic
- Identifies article, article’s purpose, and rhetorical context of essay using a Lead-in Sentence.

II. Objective Academic Summary

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- Presents an objective summary of it, using transitional devices, signal phrases, key terms, and parenthetical citation(s).
- ✗ Gives writer’s thesis statement (your opinion about the article)

III. Key Point 1 (choose one point from the article to respond to)

- Use a clear topic sentence to show what your point will be about this particular section of the article.
- Discuss your opinion about the point you have chosen. Weave your responses and ideas with the author’s using “bookends” to hold together your borrowed material.
- Begin transition to next paragraph; try to create a transitional sentence that links the paragraphs together.

IV. Key Point 2 (choose one point from the article to respond to)

- Use a clear topic sentence to show what your point will be about this particular section of the article.
- Discuss your opinion about the point you have chosen. Weave your responses and ideas with the author’s using “bookends” to hold together your borrowed material.
- Begin transition to next paragraph; try to create a transitional sentence that links the paragraphs together.

V. Conclusion

- Return to your opening scenario and ask readers to reconsider their initial thoughts. Perhaps create pathos here.
- Answer the “SO WHAT” question; make your new information relevant to your reader. Tell them what they can do with all of this new stuff you have told them. How can they act on it?