

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>FAIL</b>
<b>UNDERSTANDING OF THE READING</b>	Demonstrates strong understanding of the author’s assumptions, reasons, and conclusions; can respond accurately to questions from peers and instructor	Demonstrates decent knowledge of the author’s assumptions, reasons, and conclusions; can usually respond accurately to questions from peers and instructor, but makes small errors	Struggles to demonstrate understanding of material; makes significant errors in responding to questions from peers and instructor	Does not demonstrate a decent understanding of material
<b>CONNECTIONS TO OTHER IDEAS AND MATERIALS</b>	Accurately and precisely explains how this reading relates to other ideas and materials in the course; points out important variations or similarities in concepts used by this author and others	Explains how this reading relates to other ideas and materials in the course, but some small errors in precision or accuracy; does not point out all relevant variations or similarities in concepts used	Weak explanation of how this reading is relevant to other ideas or materials in the course; does not point out any variations or similarities in concepts used	Does not explain how this reading is relevant to the course
<b>OBJECTIONS TO ARGUMENT</b>	Points out and explains potential problems with the author’s argument; makes a compelling case for questioning the assumptions, reasoning, or conclusions	Mentions potential problems with the author’s argument, but critiques could be clearer or more developed to strengthen objections	Brings up a potential problem with the author’s argument, but critiques are unclear and underdeveloped	Does not make a relevant objection to the author’s argument
<b>DISCUSSION QUESTIONS</b>	Poses the required number of discussion questions; all questions are thoughtful and incisive	Poses the required number of discussion questions; some questions are somewhat simplistic or tangential	Does not follow instructions; questions are overly simplistic or tangential	Does not provide any discussion questions