

CRITICAL ANALYSIS

Name _____ Per. _____

Full Title _____

Author _____

Why is this author a credible source on this topic _____

First date of publication _____ Latest revision _____

HISTORIOGRAPHY: Every book is influenced by the time in which it was written, what was going on in the world at the time this was written that may have influenced its choice as a topic or its conclusions _____

PURPOSE: What was the author's purpose in writing this book? Was it accomplished? _____

HISTORICAL POINT OF VIEW: What assumptions does this author make about what is important, or what causes change in history? (social groups, great individuals, economics, wars, politics, great ideas...) _____

AUDIENCE: Who is the author's intended audience? Explain. _____

BIAS: What biases, intentional or unintentional, do you think influenced this book? _____

THESIS: What is the author's stated purpose or thesis? Make reference to the authors specific words (this is often found in the introduction). _____

THESIS EVALUATION: Evaluate how well the author supported the thesis by citing at least three specific examples from the book. _____

Did you find the author's argument persuasive? Explain. _____

How does the book's title reflect its thesis? _____

Summarize what the author had to say about 5 key topics in this book. (in order)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Comment on the material, structure, style, clarity, and ability of the author to create reader interest. _____
