



# Note-Taking Wizard

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Your Name:

Class Meeting Date:

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Author Name(s):

Publication Year(s):

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Title of Reading(s):

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**Author Perspective and Purpose:** *What do you know about the author's background or purpose for writing this piece? Where is this author coming from?*

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**Topic:** *In 1–2 complete sentences, summarize the topic of this piece. What is it about?*

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**Main Points:** *What main points is the author attempting to make? Pick 3–4 main points and explain them briefly using a bulleted list of complete sentences. (Add page numbers in parentheses.)*

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**Connections:** *How does this reading connect to other topics or issues we have discussed. If possible, identify at least one specific connection to another reading.*

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**Inner Tracking:** *How do you notice yourself responding to this piece on an emotional level?*

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**Questions:** *What questions does this reading leave you with? Try to state at least 1–2 questions that you can't easily answer with an internet search. Exercise your curiosity!*

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**Tentative Conclusions:** *How does this reading affect your understanding of the topic? What tentative conclusions can you draw? How might you apply this understanding in your life? (Use back if needed.)*

