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| **Text/Topic:** |
| **THESIS/CLAIM****Attempts to answer a****question; conjecture** | **Question:****My Opinion/Thesis/Claim:** |
| **CONTEXT/ GROUNDS What makes this claim true or believable?** | **Stated‐****Implied?** |
| **KEY REASONS/CRITERIA Used in support of thesis/ claim (e.g., for judgment or policy impact); frames the supporting evidence** | **Reason/Criterion** | **Reason/Criterion** | **Reason/Criterion** |
| **RELEVANT EVIDENCE Backing – support using “hard evidence”****– available facts, quotes, examples, data, observations, anecdotes, other analyses/surveys/ studies + evidence + SOURCE** |  |  |  |
| **+ CLEAR REASONING Analysis and elaboration of each criterion, *providing justification* for the thesis/claim** |
| **QUALIFIERS & COUNTER CLAIMS****evidence + SOURCE** | **Exceptions, conditions, counter claims – why might some people disagree with your opinion/claim/evidence?** |
| **CONCLUSIONS****Summarize, connect, extend, question, suggest consequences, call to action** |  |