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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** |  | | |