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**Author(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Topic.** What is the discourse about? What are the primary and secondary topics of the work?

**2. Thesis and argument.** What is the main claim or argument of this discourse? (Write a full, substantive paragraph here; optionally, cite page numbers for major hotspots.

Someone who's never encountered the discourse should understand the gist of what it says.)

**3. Source of evidence.** What is the nature of the evidence upon which the main argument/claims rest? Qualitative or quantitative research? Analysis of a textual/discursive tradition?

**4. Analytical/Research Methodology.** How did the author(s) of the discourse obtain and analyze the data source? Did the authors conduct statistical analysis of survey data? Is the research method essentially a logical/mathematical deduction/proof? An analysis of the historical development of an idea/concept/term? Did the author(s) make practical, philosophical, or certain enabling assumptions?

**5. Discursive context.** How does this work fit in with related discourse? (The latest and greatest? An introductory summary? A foundational work? A polemic?) Why should anyone care about this discourse?