# **Reading Notes Template for Humanities/Social Sciences Articles**

## Reference

* Author:
* Title:
* Publication date:

## Research Topic/Question

* How does the author explain the topic or central question/problem the source will focus on?

## Thesis

* Thesis as written in article:
* Paraphrased thesis:

## Outline of Main Points

* What are the main ideas?
* How do they connect to each other?
* How do they connect to the thesis of the text?
* What examples are used to illustrate the main ideas?

## Key Terms/Concepts

* Does the source introduce any words or ideas that are new to you?

## Response

* How does the source relate to the lecture?
* How does it fit into the themes of the course?
* Do you detect any bias within the source?
* How well does the author support their argument?
* Are you persuaded?
* When/where/how can you use these ideas?
* How or why is the source important?
* What questions and points for discussion do you have?