Reading Critically - Worksheet

Read your text and complete the following form.

What is general topic?
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What is the main issue or problem?
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What conclusion is reached in the text?
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What are the author’s reasons for his or her statements or beliefs? Are they based on fact, theory, or personal bias?
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List 6 key words found in the text. Has the author used neutral words or emotional words?
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Tips:
Critical readers look beyond the language to see if the ideas are clear. Be aware of why you do, or do not, accept the author’s argument.
3R’s
○ review regularly
○ recite (repeating key concepts from class)
○ reflect (connecting class ideas to other notes and readings)