

Writing an Article Reflection

An article reflection paper can be written on an assigned piece of reading, a speech, or an experience, (internship, volunteering, etc). For the most part, a reflection paper records reactions, feelings and analysis of an experience in a more personal way than in a formal research/analytical essay.

What to Include in an Article Reflection

- **Thoughts and Reactions**
 - When writing an article reflection, the point is to include your thoughts and reactions to the reading or experience.
 - You can present your feelings on what you read and explain them.
 - You also can use a reflection paper to analyze what you have read.
 - Like any other piece of writing, it should be well-written.
 - It should also refer directly to the specific passage or quote in the material that inspired this feeling.
 - You can include personal experience in a reflection paper, but base your reactions and reflections on the material in the article of the week.

- **Don't Summarize and Don't Ramble**
 - Do not use an article reflection to simply summarize what you have read or done.
 - Also, an article reflection should not be a free flow of ideas and thoughts.
 - The idea of an article reflection is to write a piece describing your reactions and analysis to a reading or other experience; however, it is more formal than a journal entry, so use a mix of formal and informal language.

- **Organize Your Thoughts**
 - An article reflection should be as organized as any other type of formal piece of writing.
 - In the introduction, describe your expectations before the reading.
 - You also may want to summarize the conclusions you came to during the reading and reflection process.
 - The body of your article reflection should explain the conclusions you have come to and why.
 - Base your conclusions in real details you find in your reading.
 - End the paper with a conclusion that sums up what you got from the reading.
 - You might want to refer to your conclusions in relation to your expectations, or
 - Come to some other conclusion or analysis (feelings and reactions) about the article that you didn't consider before reading.