

## Critical Reading Journal

For this assignment, you must do the following:

1. Read AND annotate each section of the article. Each section must have the following:
  - Highlight and underline anything you think is important
  - Comment on something you think is interesting
  - Write a question you have on the section
    - I wonder if....
    - What would happen if...
  
2. Raise your hand for Ms. Bush to check over your annotation before you may continue.
  
3. Write half a page about your experience while reading the article, you must choose 3 of the following as you are writing:
  - I was distracted by...
  - I was interested by...
  - I was confused by...
  - I didn't understand....
  - I thought that...
  - It was cool that....
  - I wonder if...

## **Middle School Skills How to Prepare this Summer?**

- Read at least 15 minutes every day (even if it's in between commercials).
- Start a summer journal and write every day.
- Practice reading comprehension and annotating texts. Start out by reading a magazine or news article and practice Critical Reading Journals (sample below...we do these a lot in 6<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Spend time with God every day...make sure you are right with Him.
- Practice with workbooks for 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Barnes & Noble has a great selection).
- Practice writing down a list of things you want to do every morning and check them off either as you go or by the end of the day.

