Critical Reading – A 10 step process

**Step 1** - Number the paragraphs.

**Step 2** - Make a prediction about the article based on the title.

**Step 3** - Make further predictions after reading first and last paragraphs.

**Step 4** - Circle the key words (words that are repeated, relevant to the topic).

**Step 5** - Highlight any claims made by the author.

**Step 6** - Read the text, in the left margin write a brief statement of what is being said next to each paragraph.

**Step 7** - In the right margin make a comment about what the author is doing in each paragraph.

**Step 8** - Outline the claims that the author has made, why does he make these claims? (Do this in your notes for each paragraph).

**Step 9** - What key words has the author used? What impact do each of these have?

**Step 10** - Summarise the article using this template.