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This guide is designed to help you look for, collect, and organize information from a reading that is directly applicable to writing a biographical rhetorical précis about the piece. This is a tool not a rule. Use it in any way that helps your reading and writing. Do not limit your reading according to this format (the other side of the page is a blank slate awaiting your personal input). But do make use of the rubric provided here to make your reading and writing easier to perform.

Title - what is the name of this source (the article, book, movie, etc.?) _____

Author - who wrote this source? _____

Date - when was it written or published? _____

Publisher - who is the publisher or the website address? _____

Person - who is the subject being written about? _____

Dates - what are this person's birth and death dates? _____

Location - what geographical area is this person associated with? _____

Major field - what major field(s) is this person identified with? _____

a. Major contribution - what did they do that matters? _____

a. Impact: why does it matter? _____

a. Area of contribution - what area was most influenced by what they did? _____

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b. Major contribution - what did they do that matters? _____

b. Impact: why does it matter? _____

b. Area of contribution - what area was most influenced by what they did? _____

c. Major contribution - what did they do that matters? _____

c. Impact: why does it matter? _____

c. Area of contribution - what area was most influenced by what they did? _____

d. Major contribution - what did they do that matters? _____

d. Impact: why does it matter? _____

d. Area of contribution - what area was most influenced by what they did? _____

e. Major contribution - what did they do that matters? _____

e. Impact: why does it matter? _____

e. Area of contribution - what area was most influenced by what they did? _____

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Quote - what did the person say/write that matters? _____

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Unknown - what is not clarified about this person that would be worth knowing more about? _____

Comments and notes: _____
