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**Critical Reading Worksheet**

*Instructions: After you choose your topic from the Points of View database and read the* ***Point*** *and* ***Counterpoint*** *essays, complete this worksheet as a means of prewriting for your synthesis essay. Upload a copy of this completed worksheet in Canvas.*

***Point Essay***

1. Title of “Point” essay:
2. Author(s) of “Point” essay:
3. What was the main thesis—overall main point—of this essay? (Write it as a single sentence in your own words):
4. List several of the strongest supports that the author(s) provides to advance the thesis:
5. In light of your own values and beliefs, do you agree or disagree with this author’s thesis? Why or why not?

***Counterpoint Essay***

1. Title of “Counterpoint” essay:
2. Author(s) of “Counterpoint” essay:
3. What was the main thesis—overall main point—of this essay? (Write it as a single sentence in your own words):
4. List several of the strongest supports that the author(s) provides to advance the thesis:
5. In light of your own values and beliefs, do you agree or disagree with this author’s thesis? Why or why not?