

1) Preview the article and write a sentence predicting what the author’s position on the topic will be.

2) After reading the article, go back and take notes on the ideas presented and write them in the chart below. Write a sentence summarizing the main idea of each paragraph. Take notes on the evidence presented. Write down the types of evidence used to support the author’s position. There may be more than one type of evidence used within a paragraph.

Par. #	Main Idea Sentence	Evidence Notes	Types of Evidence
1	<i>The author’s son wants a video game system, but the author refuses to buy one.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>author considers himself a “video-game holdout”</i> ■ <i>son asked him for system for Xmas; dad refused</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>anecdote</i>
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3) Write a thesis statement that expresses the author's position on the topic.
