******How to Write an AoW Reflection**

**Before you start writing:**

1. You should have read the article several times and annotated using CATCH.
2. You should have identified the central idea of the article.
3. You should know how the author feels toward the subject (author’s tone).
4. Make your Topic Sentence FATT.

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**While you’re writing:**

1. Refer to the author by LAST name (or FULL name, but never FIRST name).
2. Frame every quotation you use by embedding it into your own writing.
3. Remember that spelling, capitalization, or punctuation errors will not be accepted.

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” the author \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (S)he

explains that the issue is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I (dis)agree with the author for several reasons. I believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(indent new paragraph) In conclusion, it is clear that the author believes that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Are you stuck? Try these templates…**

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**When you agree…**

* (S)he argues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and I agree because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* His/her argument that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is supported by new research showing that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* I agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because my experience with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confirms it.
* X is surely right about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because, as (s)he may not be aware, recent studies have shown that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* I agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**When you have mixed feelings…**

* (S)he claims that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and I have mixed feelings about it. On the one hand, I agree that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, I still insist that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* On the one hand, some argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . From this perspective, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, however, others argue that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . According to this view, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* My own view is that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Though I concede that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , I still maintain that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . For example, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Although some might object that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , I reply that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

**When you disagree…**

* (S)he argues that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I disagree because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* His/her argument that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be discredited by research that shows that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* I think X is mistaken because (s)he overlooks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , X overlooks the deeper problem of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

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| **VERBS FOR MAKING A CLAIM** | **VERBS FOR EXPRESSING AGREEMENT** | **VERBS FOR QUESTIONING OR DISAGREEING** | **VERBS FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS** |
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**Framing Quotations**

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As the prominent philosopher X puts it, “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

According to X, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

X himself writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

In her book, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , X maintains that “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “

In X’s view, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”

X disagrees when he writes, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”