**Informational Text Analysis Tool**

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| What is the central idea or claim of this text? Summarize in one or two sentences. |
| List two to four examples of textual evidence that support your summary of the central idea. |
| Write two questions that the text raises about the central idea, either explicitly or implicitly. |
| Who is the intended audience of this text? How do you know this? |
| What is the purpose of this text? How do you know this? |
| Write down one word or phrase whose meaning you do not fully understand.  Next, write down what may be preventing you from understanding it (is it an unfamiliar term? an unfamiliar person, place, or thing? an allusion?)  Use another resource (such as a web search, a dictionary, another person—but not the teacher) to find its definition or meaning: |