Writing an Article Reflection

An article reflection paper can be written on an assigned piece of reading, a speech, or an experience, (internship, volunteering, etc). For the most part, a reflection paper records reactions, feelings and analysis of an experience in a more personal way than in a formal research/analytical essay.

What to Include in an Article Reflection

- **Thoughts and Reactions**
  - When writing an article reflection, the point is to include your thoughts and reactions to the reading or experience.
  - You can present your feelings on what you read and explain them.
  - You also can use a reflection paper to analyze what you have read.
  - Like any other piece of writing, it should be well-written.
  - It should also refer directly to the specific passage or quote in the material that inspired this feeling.
  - You can include personal experience in a reflection paper, but base your reactions and reflections on the material in the article of the week.

- **Don't Summarize and Don’t Ramble**
  - Do not use an article reflection to simply summarize what you have read or done.
  - Also, an article reflection should not be a free flow of ideas and thoughts.
  - The idea of an article reflection is to write a piece describing your reactions and analysis to a reading or other experience; however, it is more formal than a journal entry, so use a mix of formal and informal language.

- **Organize Your Thoughts**
  - An article reflection should be as organized as any other type of formal piece of writing.
  - In the introduction, describe your expectations before the reading.
  - You also may want to summarize the conclusions you came to during the reading and reflection process.
  - The body of your article reflection should explain the conclusions you have come to and why.
  - Base your conclusions in real details you find in your reading.
  - End the paper with a conclusion that sums up what you got from the reading.
  - You might want to refer to your conclusions in relation to your expectations, or
  - Come to some other conclusion or analysis (feelings and reactions) about the article that you didn’t consider before reading.