Argumentative Essay Analysis Worksheet

1) What is the author’s claim, and where does he or she state the claim?

2) What support does the author use to back up his/her claim? Is the support sufficient and logical?

3) What is the tone of the essay? Is it effective? Why or why not?

4) Who is the audience for this essay? How/where can you tell?

5) Are you persuaded by the argument? Why or why not? If you are not persuaded, is there anything the author could do to increase his/her chances of persuading you? If you are persuaded, was the author “preaching to the choir,” or have you been influenced by his/her argument? Explain.

6) What is the BEST thing about this essay – what works well?

7) What (in your humble opinion) needs to be fixed or improved before the next draft? Come up with at least one thing that could be improved.