**Analysis of Scholarly Journal Articles (Category 1- Sisk)**

In order to understand appropriate and responsible use of sources, it is helpful to first analyze how other scholars use source material.

Once you have found a relevant scholarly journal, read and annotate the text. If you have trouble understanding the topic, then this is not a source you should analyze, let alone use as a source for your own writing.

1-Start with your reactions to the text. What did you like? What didn’t you like? Were there areas of the writing that you found difficult?

2- Summarize the article. Be sure to address the Rhetorical Situation. This includes identification of the purpose, audience, author and context.

3- Move on to identifying where evidence is used. Highlight areas that the author has provided evidence for their main argument.

4-Label types of evidence. Think about why we use sources. Consider how source material is used, as an example or evidence, for expert testimony, for authoritative support, for facts and statistics, to elaborate, to argue against, to give background information, etc.

(This assignment can be completed in approximately a week. I would assign this after an in depth discussion about types of sources, and how we use source material in research writing. This would also be a good introduction to a Category 2 assignment where the journal article would be used to write in the discipline)