

# Possible structure for reaction paper

## Introduction

Briefly introduce the topic: give the name of the speaker or author, the date and title of the talk or article, and a short summary of the speaker's/author's main point.  
5 lines maximum!

## Sympathy

Evaluate the speaker's/author's main point sympathetically: say what you find valuable, useful, or correct. Say why. If you think the strengths outweigh the weaknesses so that your primary stance is sympathetic, say so.

Give this paragraph a strong, clear topic sentence.

## Critique

Evaluate the speaker's/author's main point critically: look for gaps, inconsistencies, lack of evidence, or other problems. Say why. If you think the weaknesses outweigh the strengths so that your primary stance is critical, say so.

Give this paragraph a strong, clear topic sentence.

## Conclusion (optional)

Briefly reiterate whether you find the speaker's/author's argument mostly useful, or mostly not useful.