Junior English

Rhetorical Analysis Questions

Hi All,

I am sorry to miss our class today. Please use the time today to read the criticism (the guest teacher will give you the reading) and complete the chart below. We’ll discuss the criticism and your responses during our next class. We’ll use this document as we begin work on a precis this week too. There is no homework tonight. Please email me if you have any questions.

Have a good day.

Ms. C

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| Question | Response |
| What is the main purpose of the piece? (persuade? inform? reflect? other? combination?) How do you know? |  |
| What is the key question that the writer is addressing?  |  |
| Who is the audience? How do you know? |  |
| Are there any beliefs or assumptions that the writer holds that he assumes readers will hold as well? Explain. |  |
| Is the writer’s reasoning logical? Explain. |  |
| How does the writer structure the argument? How do the paragraphs build on one another? Does the writer address a counterclaim/skeptics?  |  |
| What are the strengths and weaknesses of the writer’s argument? Explain. |  |