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News Article Deconstruction Template

I.   **Summary of article including publisher, publication date, and author:**

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II.   **Evaluation of 4 sources (MAVIN)**

Multiple?	Authoritative?	Verified?	Independent?	Named?	Information/Quotes
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#3					
#4					

II B. Description and evaluation of any video, photographic, audio, or documents attached to the news story.

III.   INDEPENDENT OR BIASED?
Does the article seem to be fair with the facts and even with sources or favoring one side of the situation? Explain. Also consider if there is any "natural bias" at work.

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IV.   TRANSPARENCY
Is the news story transparent? (Does the journalist explain how they know what they know, what they don't know, and why they don't know it? Are sources identified?) Explain.

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V.   OPENING THE FREEZER/DIGGING FOR THE TRUTH

Did the journalist dig for information/truth? (Did they take further steps to verify the facts they are reporting on or is there evidence of lazy or rushed reporting?) Explain how they "opened the freezer" or explain what they could have done to "open the freezer."

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VI.   **REACTION (150 words)**

What is your reaction to the news article? Is the article weak (poorly written and researched) or strong (well written and researched) and why do you think that? How has the article changed your opinion on the subject? If the article is about a controversial topic, what is your opinion and has this article swayed your opinion at all? Explain.   Has the article made you want to take any action? Do you have any unanswered questions? What are they? What other information would you like to know about this issue? Why?

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