

Analysing an Opinion Piece

1. Write down the name of your paper and the date of publication..

2. **Identify an opinion piece** in your paper.

3. Write down the **headline**/ sub head and name of the columnist (if they are all there)

Headline: _____

Sub Head: _____

Columnist's name: _____

4. Analyse the article using the following prompts:

- Why did you choose this opinion piece?

- Can you summarise what the central opinion of the writer is on the topic they are discussing?

- What words or phrases indicated to you that you were reading someone's opinion on an issue rather than just information?

- How did the writer validate their opinion? Did they have quotes from other sources?

- Did the article use language that appealed to you? (Did you feel like they were speaking directly to you?) Explain your answer.

- Do you agree or disagree with opinions voiced in this piece? Why or why not?

- Pretend that you have read this article online and you can send an e-mail to the columnist whose opinion piece you have just read. Write the e-mail you would send responding to their piece.
