

## Commentary Writing — Claims, Reasons, Assumptions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*After reading the sample editorial, use this worksheet to analyze the claims, reasons, and assumptions made by the writer.*

### CLAIM

What is the writer's central claim?

Where in the story does the writer make this claim? What reason do you think the writer had for placing the claim where he/she did?

### REASONS

What reasons does the writer give for making his/her claim?

What evidence does the writer provide for his/her reasons?

Do you feel the writer provides adequate and convincing evidence for his/her reasons? Why or why not?

### ASSUMPTIONS

What assumptions are present in the connections between the writer's claim and reasons?

What evidence does the writer provide for his/her assumptions?

Do you feel the writer provides adequate and convincing evidence for his/her assumptions? Why or why not?

### STRUCTURE

What do you notice about the editorial's overall structure? What does the writer start and end with? Where does this writer give his/her reasons and evidence? Why do you think the writer made these choices?