

Analysis & Evaluation Worksheet

Name _____

Essay: "Against Nature" by Joyce Carol Oates

1. Who appears to be the audience? _____

2. Your Analysis Thesis (this will include your purpose, your intent):

3. Summarize the Source Author's essay in your own words (three sentences, max.):

4. Source Author's (SA) main point:

5. Is the point implied or explicit?

6. Other related points supporting the main point (Identify paragraphs where each appears by number)

7. Outline the rhetorical structure of the essay (WHAT: First, then, next, finally, etc.):

8. What does the source author use to support her claims (HOW: rhetorical devices, including examples):

9. How does the author conclude the essay?

Evaluation (HOW WELL)

10. Are the rhetorical devices used **effectively**? Why, why not?

11. Is **adequate** information brought into the essay to support the author's position?

12. Does the author develop her position in an **rational, logical** fashion?

13. Other evaluative comments and your overall assessment (be objective)