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EVALUATING AN ARGUMENT

Choose either the two articles on the SATs or Global Warming and answer the following questions for each article. Place a check mark next to the article set you've chosen.

- The SAT test:
 - “SAT I: A Faulty Instrument for Predicting College Success” is available at <http://www.fairtest.org/facts/satvalidity.html>
 - “SAT Test Called Valid Predictor of College Success” is available at <http://unisci.com/stories/20021/0205023.htm>
- Global warming:
 - “Global Warming” (Environmental Protection Agency) is available at <http://mysite.verizon.net/brian.kiehl/EPA.pdf> (originally located: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oar/globalwarming.nsf/content/climate.html>)
 - “Myths of Global Warming” is available at <http://www.ncpa.org/ba/ba230.html>

1. What is the central premise of the each article?
2. What evidence is presented to support the central premise?
3. What citations or references are provided to enable you to check the information?
4. Is the argument presented logically, clearly and coherently?
5. What additional information should have been included?
6. What fallacies or weaknesses did you find in the argument?

DEVELOPING A PERSONAL VIEWPOINT

Now, use your knowledge of opposing ideas to search for articles related to your interest.

- Visit the media center’s website: <http://web.hcpss.org/~kzellner>.
- Click the link for “Use the Databases.”
- Click the link for Infotrac.
- Uncheck all databases except for “Opposing Viewpoints.”
- Search for a topic that interests you – your research question for this class, or something else.
- Choose one article from the query to complete the following assignment.

Use your article to address the following in a short constructed response. **What was the main idea of the article? What are the major supports for the main idea? In what sentences, phrases, or words is the author’s bias or point of view revealed? Explain how you feel about this topic? Explain how you perceive the author’s rendering of it? If you wanted more information on this topic, where would you look? What would you need to discover to change your mind on this topic?**