

“Prologue” Claims Chart

Skloot’s Claim	Textual Evidence	Evaluate Claim
What does the author believe? What are the main points in the article?	What sentences, paragraphs, details in the text support this claim?	Is this claim supported by sufficient evidence? Is the evidence strong enough to support the claim? Does it address opposing viewpoints?

Evaluation of Claim: Use the sentence frame below to guide you while you write a response to one of Skloot’s claims. Remember to use third person (no you or I) and write in present tense.

In _____ (title) _____ (author) _____ (strong signal verb)*
 that _____ (claims). She
 supports her claim by stating that (evidence) _____.
 This is an effective/ineffective claim because _____
 _____.