

THE ELEMENTS OF NONFICTION

Title of Selection: _____

Author: _____

1. What is the writer’s purpose? Who is the audience?	
2. Is the subject important or not? interesting or not?	
3. What facts does the writer include about the subject? What sources are used?	
4. What are the writer’s opinions about the subject? What evidence is used to support the writer’s opinions?	
5. What is the writer’s tone, or attitude, toward the subject?	
6. Is every part of the essay necessary? How are the ideas presented?	
7. Are the writer’s ideas clearly presented? Is the diction clear? Does the writing contain jargon or other difficult kinds of words? any imagery?	
8. What type of nonfiction piece is the selection? Is it autobiography or biography?	