**How to Write a Précis**

A précis is a brief summary and analysis of a book, article, exhibit, film, etc. It is created in order to focus your thinking on its subject. Ordinarily it will run 2-3 single-spaced pages. Items to include:

* Author, title, publication information
* What is the problem that this book is trying to elucidate?
* What is the author’s positionality?
* What is the nature of their investigation?
* What is the nature of their evidence?
* What is their argument about the problem they set out to investigate?

 this may be a long section

* What did they overlook?

 possible counter-evidence?

 another possible argument or explanation?

* What can you take from this book for your own work?