

# Précis Format

1. In a single coherent sentence give the following:
  - a. name of the author, title of the work, date in parenthesis
  - b. a rhetorically accurate verb (such as "assert," "argue," "deny," "refute," "prove," "disprove," "explain," etc.)
  - c. a *that* clause containing the major claim (thesis statement) of the work.
2. In a single coherent sentence give an explanation of what data and methods are used to supports the major claim (thesis statement).
3. In a single coherent sentence give a statement of the author's purpose, followed by an "in order" phrase.
4. In a single coherent sentence give an objective evaluation of the validity of the authors interpretation of their results
5. In a single coherent sentence describe what additional evidence would help to strengthen or potentially disprove the authors thesis