**STEP TWO: Create a topic sentence with S “T” A r t.**

In the _______________________________ article/excerpt/passage
(SOURCE from name of magazine or newspaper, underlined) (choose one)

" ___________________________________________ 

(TITLE of the article in quotes. Capitalize all “big” words, over five letters long, and all nouns and verbs.)

**AUTHOR** or authors
(In general, you can use just the last name of the authors.)

**RIGHT VERB** Examples: describe(s), argue(s), explain(s), claim(s), propose(s), discuss(es), interview(s), report(s), compare(s), etc.

**TOPIC** (In a few words, describe in general terms, without details, what the article is about. Do not repeat the title.)

**STEP ONE: Chunk the passage into three or four sections. In your own words, briefly write the central ideas in the order they appear.**

*FCAS for each central or main idea*

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Central Idea One ____________________________________________________________

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Central Idea Two ____________________________________________________________

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Central Idea Three _________________________________________________________

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Central Idea Four _________________________________________________________

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*Directions: Annotate the article or passage in the margins of the text and then complete Step One (at the bottom half of this sheet) followed by Step Two on this graphic organizer.*