## READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT ANALYSIS CHECK LIST

**Subject**—What is the subject of the text? **Events**—What major events occur during the text? Are the events important or supporting details? First Read **People and Places**—What people are central to the topic discussed? The Basics What side of the battle do they represent **Setting**—Where and when does the article take place? Does the time period or location matter to the overall message? **Informative or Argumentative?** - Is the piece written to inform the audience of events or has the writer asked the reader to choose a side? **Logos**—What evidence does the writer present? From which sources? Second Why does the writer place the events in that order (Sequence)? Do they Read use specific facts or statistics (numbers/graphs)? **Themes and Ideas**—What themes/ideas does the text explore? Why has it been written (Author's Purpose)? Ethos—Who is the writer? What is their connection to the subject **Third Read** matter? What qualifies the author to write on this topic? Is this a primary source or secondary source? Is the writer credible? Are they biased towards one side or are they impartial? **Pathos**—Is this a personal experience for the writer? Do they use Fourth Read photographs to inform the reader? What types of photographs? Do they express emotion during in the writing? Imagery—In what ways does the text make use of descriptive and sensory details (hear, touch, smell, sight, taste)? Why might the writer uses these devices? Fifth Read Figurative Language—What role do similes/metaphors/ personification/symbols/hyperbole/extended metaphors/allusions play? **Diction**—Comment on the vocabulary used in the text. What kinds of words have been chosen? Simple or complex? Why does the writer choose that specific word or phrase? What is the tone of the word/ phrase?