Name: _____ Topic: _____

Two-Column Notes: Analyzing Informational Text

Question/Prompt: _____

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1) **Textual Evidence/Citation**: *What do you notice? Where?*   3) **Claim**: *What can you conclude?*
    2) **Reasoning**: *So what? (Why is it important?)*

1) _____   3) _____

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    2) _____

_____   *Informational writing does not require a claim*
                                                    that is arguable (i.e., the writer does not have
_____   *to "pick a side"), but it does require a logical*
                                                    claim statement that can be supported by the
1) _____   *textual evidence and sound reasoning.*

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    2) _____   _____

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1) _____

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    2) _____   3) _____

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Primary Claim: When you consider all these minor claims at once, what overarching conclusion can you make about the topic? State it as your <u>primary claim</u> (also known as a *thesis statement*):

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