TEXTUAL ANALYSIS SCAFFOLD

Briefly Summarize the Text.

What is the purpose or intent of the essay? In other words, why write such an essay? What is the author trying to say?

How does the author begin/introduce the essay? Why do you think he/she begins this way?

What types of paragraphs does he/she used? Do they use similar types of paragraphs, or does the author use a variety of different paragraph types? How do you know? Discuss the author's use of paragraphs, and use examples.

What is the tone of the essay? Are they specifically trying to inform, describe, narrate, etc? Or, is there a careful mix of tone? Explain.

What major points are presented? Discuss quotes (mentioning the points).

How are these points supported? Do they include evidence, statistics, dialogue, comments from outside sources, experts, comments from the author, etc?

Discuss the organization. What information comes first? Second? Third?

How does the author end/conclude the essay?