

Summary / Reaction

I. Sample Reaction sentences:

I find it strange that
unusual
surprising
odd
interesting

the writer overlooked X.
the number AIDS cases is so
low in country X.

I was struck by

surprised by
shocked by
interested in
troubled by
confused by

the writer's tone.
the writer's attitude.
the way the writer referred to X.

the number of cases of abuse reported.
the statistics given on the number of
traffic accidents per year

The writer's assertion that _____

puzzled me.

The fact that _____

surprised me

The number of _____

shocked me.

The writer's tone concerning _____

is/was surprising

The writer's attitude toward _____

is/was interesting.

One thing that is not clear to me is _____

One thing that remains unclear in my mind is _____

It is clear that _____

It is obvious that _____

II. Discussing the Reading:

Work with your group: what are the key ideas?

What does X claim? assert?

What does he base his assertions on?

What surprised you? What did you find interesting?

What do you take issue with? (disagree with)