**Prècis Writing Template**

1. Name of the author, [optional: a phrase describing author], genre, title of the work, date in parentheses (additional publishing information in parentheses or note); a rhetorically accurate verb (such as “assert,” “argue,” “suggest,” “imply,” “claim,” etc.); and a “that” clause containing the major assertion (thesis statement) of the work.

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1. An explanation of how the author develops and/or supports the thesis, usually in chronological order.

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3. A statement of the author’s apparent purpose followed by an “in order to” clause.

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4. A description of the intended audience (and/or the relationship the author establishes with the audience) and a description of his or her tone.

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