

## Response — Discussion Summary

**Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Source:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Course:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Topic & Thesis:

What is the topic or central theme of this text?

What major claim or insight does the author advance concerning this theme?

### Argument:

Summarize the author's argument in support of this claim:

What assumptions, whether stated or unstated, are essential to this argument?

What is the weakest aspect of the author's argument? Why is this a weak point?

## **Context & Relevance:**

What other philosophical positions, persons, or specific works is the author responding to in this text? Are these targets identified explicitly or are they only implied?

How does this text compare or relate to at least one *other* philosopher, philosophical problem, or methodology of which you are aware?

What is the most significant aspect of this text as a historical document (i.e., its relevance at the time it was written)?

What is the most significant aspect of this text as a living document (i.e., its relevance for us)?

## **Souvenirs:**

Record / reference the one or two “most quote-worthy” passages from the text: