EXPRESSIONS SHOWING EVALUATION
Useful Sentence Stems for Summary and Critical Review

General
The article presents …aspects of …
The article suggests/proposes …
In opposition to / support of …, the author points to …
The article questions the view that…
The authors identify …reasons/issues/problems/…

Assertion
The authors claim/argue/assert that…
Author A maintains/ assumes…
The author advocates the view that…

Expressing agreement with author(s)
As Author A perceptively/insightfully pointed out…, … seems/appears to be…
The evidence/argument presented by the author supports hi/her claim/conclusion that…

Expressing disagreement with author(s)
Author A and Author B depict XXX as ….. However, this view somewhat underestimates/overlooks/assumes …. Although Author A’s interpretation/claims of ….is generally quite accurate, there are ….instances when it is somewhat contrived/superficial. For example, …

Expressing concessive contrast
Author A’s views seems rather <negative point>, but/yet I still find the article <some positive points>
Although/Even though Author A’s arguments seem <positive point>, a closer examination reveals that <negative point>

Evalutative language to express your own judgement
It appears to me that the author…
In my opinion, the article…
The concept presented by the author is intriguing/innovative in that it… (positive)
The arguments the author presented are inadequately supported… (negative)
The article accurately/inaccurately portrays/presents…

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