## THINKING CRITICALLY Previewing

Provide the missing information for Sanjay Gupta and his essay "Why I Changed My Mind on Weed."

| PREVIEWING<br>STRATEGIES | TYPES OF QUESTIONS  | ANSWERS |
|--------------------------|---|---------|
| Author                   | Who is he? What expertise does he have? What credibility does he have? How difficult is the writing likely to be?   |         |
| Title                    | What does the title reveal about the essay's content? Does it give any clues about how the argument will take shape?  | -       |
| Place of                 | How does the place of   |         |
| Publication              | publication help you<br>understand the argument?<br>What type of audiences will it<br>be likely to target?  |         |
| Context                  | By placing the article in the context of its time — given trends in the conversations about or popular understandings of the subject — what can you expect about the author's position? |         |
| Skimming                 | As you skim over the first several paragraphs, where do you first realize the purpose of the essay? What is Gupta's argument? What major forms of evidence does he offer?               |         |

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