**TAPS is an easy strategy to use to breakdown and understand persuasive essays. You might also use it to plan for your own persuasive essay.**

**TAPS – “The Heartache of an Immigrant Family”**

**TOPIC: What is the subject of this article?**

**AUDIENCE: To whom is the message of the article directed? How do you know? (Give evidence from the article)**

**PURPOSE: What is the author’s purpose? How do you know? (Give evidence from the article)**

**SIMILARITY: How does this article connect to our unit theme of stereotypes and immigration?**

**How STRONG is this persuasive essay? Can you locate…**

**1 example of ETHOS? A call to action?**

**1 example of PATHOS?**

**1 example of LOGOS? A counterargument?**

**3 words or terms in the article that might be difficult for students:**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**2 Questions you would want to ask the author:**

**1.**

**2.**

**1 Sentence to summarize your thoughts on the article:**

**1 thing that you learned from this article:**

**Connections (identify and explain at least one of each type):**

**Text-to-Self:**

**Text-to-World:**

**Text-to-Text:**