Summary / Reaction

I. Sample Reaction sentences:

I find it strange that unusual surprising odd interesting the writer overlooked X.
the number AIDS cases is so low in country X.

I was struck by

surprised by shocked by interested in troubled by confused by

the writer's tone.
the writer's attitude.
the way the writer referred to X.
the number of cases of abuse reported.
the statistics given on the number of traffic accidents per year

The writer's assertion that puzzled me.
The fact that surprised me
The number of shocked me.
The writer's tone concerning is/was surprising
The writer's attitude toward is/was interesting.

One thing that is not clear to me is
One thing that remains unclear in my mind is

It is clear that
It is obvious that

II. Discussing the Reading:

Work with your group: what are the key ideas?
What does X claim? assert?
What does he base his assertions on?

What surprised you? What did you find interesting?
What do you take issue with? (disagree with)