Incorporating research into the study of *The Help*

We have spent a lot of time in class discussing the themes in *The Help,* expressing our personal opinion of the book, and analyzing the different characters.

Now, it’s important that we hear some opinions and perspectives from people outside of our classroom.

Choose any three of the websites listed below and read them carefully. While reading the articles, fill out the chart below according to what you learned.

Huffington Post positive and negative reviews of *The Help:*

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2009/11/05/the-help-kathryn-stockett_n_346016.html>

The Association of Black Women Historian’s view on the dialect of *The Help:*

[*http://www.abwh.org/images/pdf/TheHelp-Statement.pdf*](http://www.abwh.org/images/pdf/TheHelp-Statement.pdf)

Huffington Post compares *The Help* to *To Kill a Mockingbird:*

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jesse-kornbluth/is-the-help-more-than-a-s_b_333448.html>

New York Times article about the controversy of *The Help:*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/19/books/19masl.html>

Seattle Pi positive review of *The Help:*

<http://www.seattlepi.com/lifestyle/blogcritics/article/Book-Review-The-Help-by-Kathryn-Stockett-2266684.php>

Washtington Post positive review of *The Help:*

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/03/31/AR2009033103552.html>

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| **Title of Article** | **What was the main idea of the article?** | **What did you agree with in the article?** | **What did you disagree with in the article?** |
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