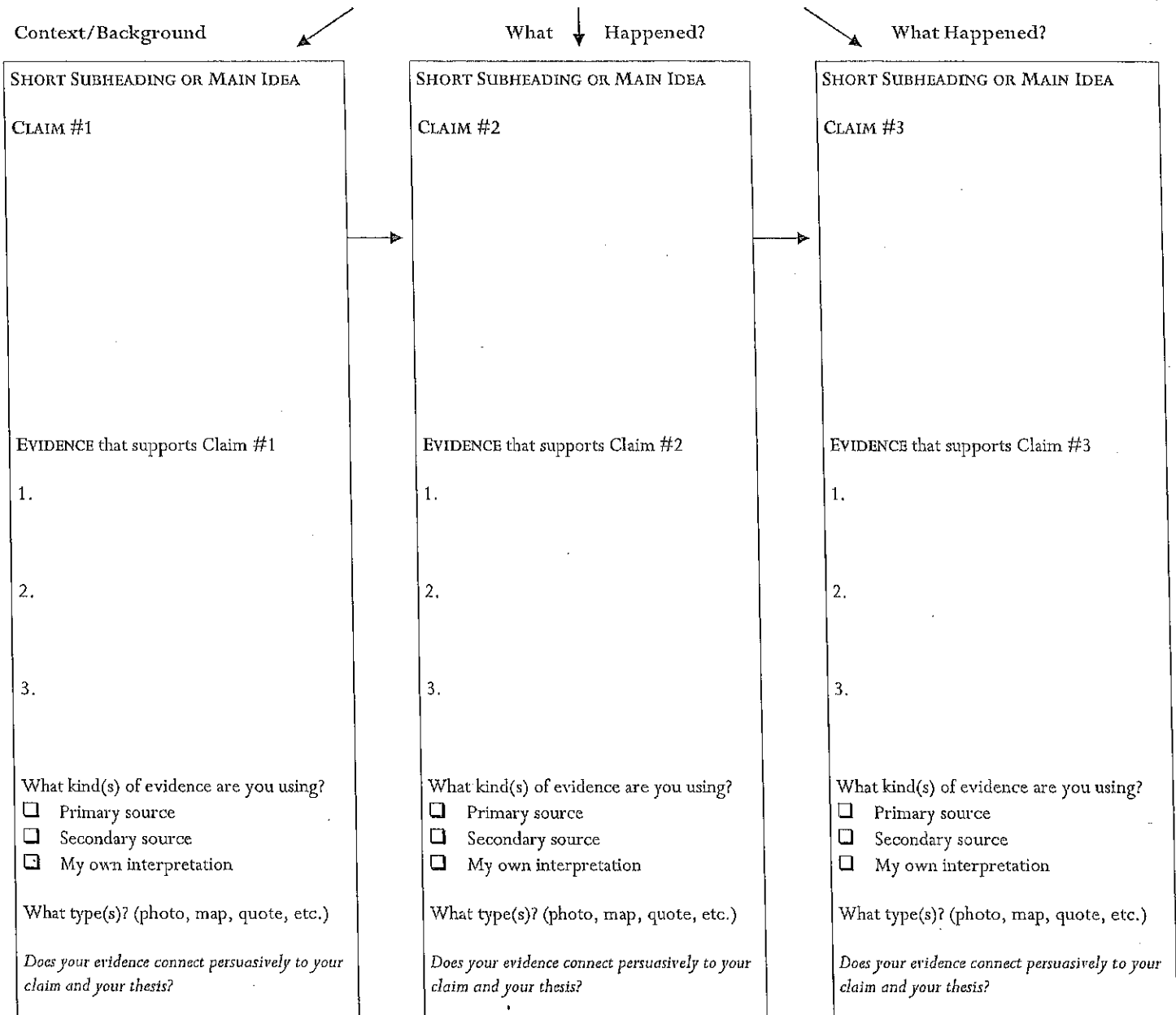


TITLE (What is a short, effective title that captures the essence of my thesis and gives the viewer an idea of the project's argument?)

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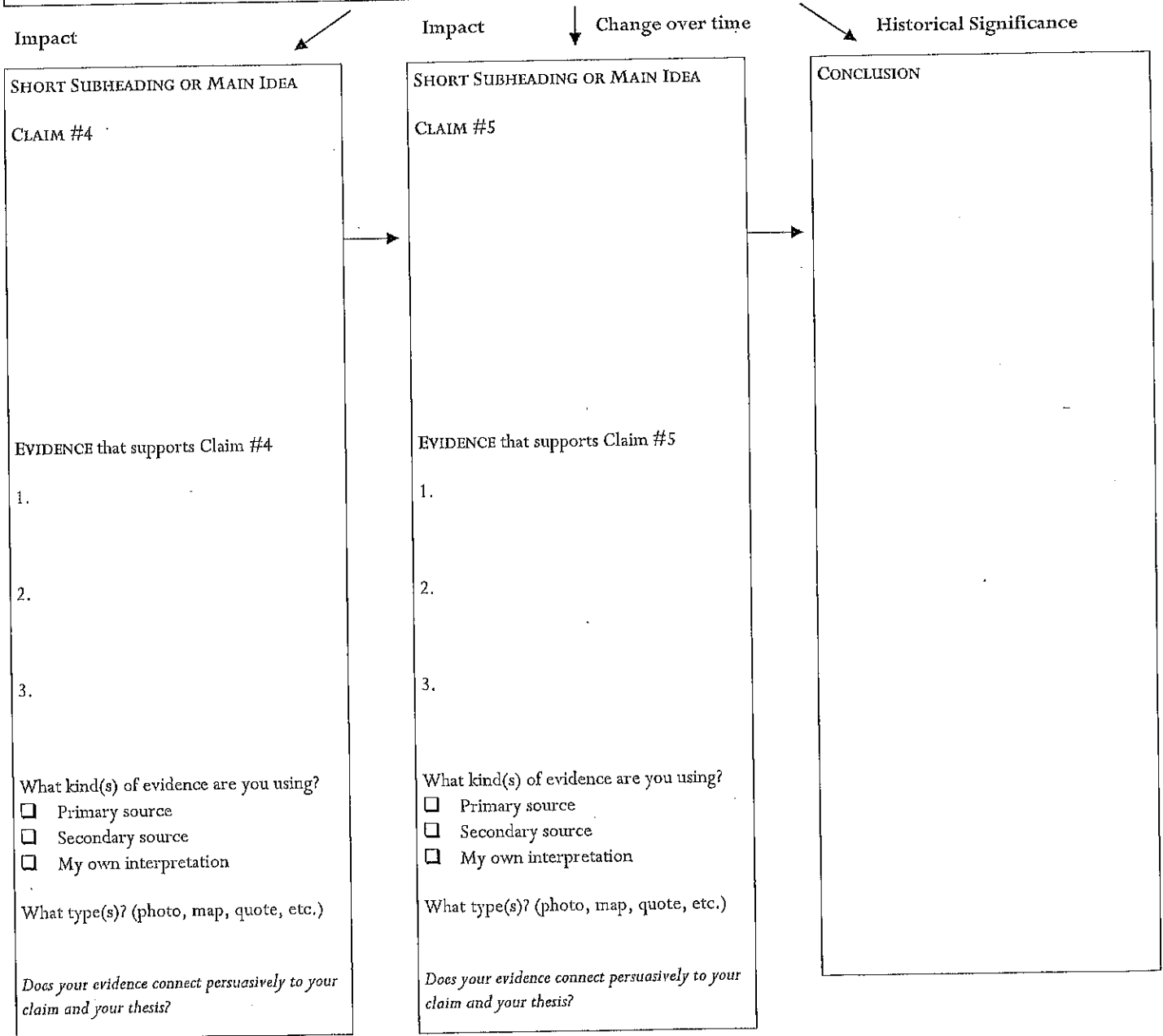


How many claims do you need to make your case? (3-5 claims are usually appropriate)
Do you have enough evidence for each point to make a persuasive claim? Does one claim lead into the next?
Are you using a mix of different kinds of evidence throughout the project?

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Do your claims make an effective case for your thesis? Do they lead to your conclusion?
 Does your conclusion connect back to your thesis?