

Critical Reading

Master Critical Reading for Better Understanding!

DEFINITION

Critical reading involves analyzing and evaluating texts to understand deeper meanings and perspectives. It helps students think critically about what they read.

KEY CONCEPTS

Text Analysis

Breaking down a text to understand its structure, themes, and arguments.

Inference Skills

Drawing conclusions based on evidence and reasoning rather than just the text.

Author's Purpose

Identifying why the author wrote the text and what message they want to convey.

Critical Questions

Asking questions about the text to deepen understanding and engage with the material.

Contextual Understanding

Considering the historical, cultural, and social context in which the text was written.

EXAMPLES

- Analyzing a poem for its emotional impact and literary devices.
- Identifying the author's bias in a news article.
- Discussing the implications of a character's decision in a novel.

MEMORY TIPS

- ★ Use the acronym 'AICE' - Analyze, Inference, Context, Evaluate.
- ★ Visualize a magnifying glass to remember to look deeper into texts.
- ★ Create a mind map linking key concepts to enhance recall.

COMMON MISTAKES

- ✗ Relying solely on surface meaning without deeper analysis.
- ✗ Ignoring the author's background and context.
- ✗ Failing to ask critical questions about the text.

QUICK RECAP

Critical reading enhances comprehension by analyzing and evaluating texts. Focus on the author's purpose, context, and ask critical questions to deepen your understanding.