



Critical Reading

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text. Then read the text a second time. During your second reading, complete the checklist.

- The content has a political slant.
- The content presents facts that are backed up by evidence.
- The content cites the sources it uses for its facts/evidence.
- The author uses strong language and hyperbole.
- The content cites information provided by a company that the source owns.
- The author does not support their claims with facts.
- The website includes lots of ads for what the content supports.
- The article was peer-reviewed prior to publication.
- The content fairly presents both sides of the issue.
- The content presents highly selected facts that lean to a certain outcome.
- The author cannot be identified.
- The content is entertainment-based (i.e., parody, satire, etc.)
- The author is well credentialed and well-respected in their field.
- The article is really trying to sell you something.
- The content expresses a lot of opinions.



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Based on the completed checklist, what do you think about:

The author's credibility?

The credibility of the publisher or publication?

Is the information biased in any way? If so, how?

What is the author's purpose?

Is the author clear about this purpose, or is this text written in such a way as to obscure its true purpose?