

Twelve Suggested Thought Questions for Reading Assignments

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1. How do you understand the material assigned?
2. What main points are the authors trying to make?
3. How do the authors tie these points together in order to make an argument, to build a case for their point of view, or to tell a story. If the authors simply explore a theme or main idea, how would you summarize that theme or main idea?
4. What is most persuasive to you in the information offered to support the authors' main points, and why?
5. If the authors did not convince you of their point of view, why not?
6. What was most interesting and meaningful to you in the material covered?
7. What connections, parallels or contradictions do you see between this information and the information presented in other assignments, in other courses, and/or in other books and papers you have read?
8. What emotional reactions/responses do you observe in yourself as you read these articles/chapters and explore these particular concepts?
9. What new (or old) questions does this material raise for you? What sort of world, or problems, or possibilities, does the information presented imply?
10. What experiences have you had that confirm the ideas presented?
11. What experiences have you had that contradict (argue against) the information presented?
12. How would the information and arguments presented change the way you think, act, hope, feel and/or relate to others?