

CS Lewis: That Hideous Strength

Analytical Reading Worksheet (part 2b-end)

Third Stage of Analytical Reading: Rules for Criticizing a Book as a Communication of Knowledge				
General Maxims of Intellectual Etiquette				
Expository Literature		Imaginative Literature		
Is it true? What if?	Rule 9: Do not begin criticism until you have completed your outline and your interpretation of the book. (Do not say you agree, disagree, or suspend judgement, until you can say, "I Understand.")	Before you express your likes and dislikes, you must first be sure you have made an honest effort to appreciate the work. Appreciation = having the experience the author tried to produce for you by working on your emotions and imagination.	Is the book true, in whole or part? This is answered when you can give a reasoned judgment about the poetical truth of the work. Is it a likely story? Does the work satisfy your heart and your mind? Do you appreciate the beauty of the work? In each case, can you say why? What of it? Imaginative writings can lead to action, but they do not have to. They belong to the realm of fine art.	AR Worksheet 3 & Book-at-a-Glance
	Rule 10: Do not disagree disputatiously or contentiously.	After you have done structural and interpretive rules for reading imaginative literature, you are competent to judge. Your judgement must include both: • <u>Whether</u> you like or dislike the book – this is subjective, it's about your tastes • <u>Why</u> you like/dislike it – this is more objective, it's about the book		
	Rule 11: Demonstrate that you recognize the difference between knowledge and mere personal opinion by presenting good reasons for any critical judgement you make.			
	Special Criteria for Points of Criticism			
	12. Show wherein the author is uninformed.			
	13. Show wherein the author is misinformed.			
	14. Show wherein the author is illogical.			
	15. Show wherein the author's analysis or account is incomplete.			

Part 3: "Is the book true, in whole or in part?"

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Is it a likely story? Why?

Does the work satisfy your heart and your mind? Why?

Do you appreciate the beauty of the work? Why?

Part 4: "But what of it?" ~ Significance/Response

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That being said, see if any of these questions from expository literature apply: Why does the author think it's important to know these things? Is it important that you know them? If the book has not just informed, but enlightened you, what should follow? Implications, applications, suggestions?

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Book-at-a-Glance

What is the book about as a whole? (What is the general plot ~ the action or movement.

Main theme or point of the book

Sub-theme(s) of the book

What I liked about the book & why I like it.

"But what of it?" ~ Significance/Response

A few of my favorite Common Place quotes/passages...

