

# Reading critically

- What do I think the author is saying?
- How does the author introduce the text?
- Do they spell out what they are going to be writing about?
- Why might they be saying it?
- What evidence has been used and how good is it?
- Is the argument biased?
- Have they omitted anything and if so; why?
- Is their argument logical?
- Is it easy to pick out the theme/s of the argument/s?
- Have they added things to, or made changes to their conclusion?
- How does it fit in with other things that I know or have read?
- In what context is it being said?
- When was it written?
- Where is it published?
- Is the material produced ethical?
- Consider the style and tone of writing e.g. sarcasm!!
- Can I use it?

