Critical Reading

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What we’ll cover:

What is critical reading?

Using the SQ3R method to critically read sources
What does critical reading mean?
Critical reading is an ACTIVE way of reading.

It is a deeper and more complex engagement with a text.

What does critical reading mean?

Analyse and evaluate the concepts, ideas and arguments you read.

Does the evidence they’ve presented back up their arguments?

How does it fit with what you’ve read already?

How does it fit with your own thinking?
**SQ3R: a strategy for reading**

**SURVEY** scan title, subtitles, intro & conclusion to identify ideas and main points - overall what is this about?

**QUESTION** formulate questions that you want to find answers to - ‘why is this idea important?’ ‘how is it related to other work?’ ‘how is this idea different?’ what do I already know?

**READ** a section at a time picking out key points to find the answers to your questions. Highlight key ideas

**RECALL** use your own words to write the main points and the answers to your questions

**REVIEW** what you’ve written and think about how it relates to your research
Activity:

Read your article using the SQ3R method.