

Critical Reading – A 10 step process

Step 1 - Number the paragraphs.

Step 2 - Make a prediction about the article based on the title.

Step 3 - Make further predictions after reading first and last paragraphs.

Step 4 - Circle the key words (words that are repeated, relevant to the topic).

Step 5 - Highlight any claims made by the author.

Step 6 - Read the text, in the left margin write a brief statement of what is being said next to each paragraph.

Step 7 - In the right margin make a comment about what the author is doing in each paragraph.

Step 8 - Outline the claims that the author has made, why does he make these claims? (Do this in your notes for each paragraph).

Step 9 - What key words has the author used? What impact do each of these have?

Step 10 - Summarise the article using this template.