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## Decipher the Architect's Hidden Agenda in Your 9th Grade Reading Quiz

Sophomores weigh rhetorical ethos against logical fallacies to analyze authorial intent and strengthen their evaluation of complex non-fiction texts.

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**1. An editorial arguing for urban expansion uses the phrase 'inevitable progress' multiple times. What specific critical reading skill is required to evaluate this choice of language?**

- A. Identifying the publication date to determine relevance
- B. Deconstructing loaded language to uncover underlying assumptions
- C. Summarizing the main idea for a peer review
- D. Comparing the font style to historical propaganda

**2. True or False: If an author provides a peer-reviewed citation for a claim, the critical reader should accept that claim as absolute fact without further inquiry.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. When a text relies heavily on the writer's credentials as a renowned neuroscientist rather than providing data for a specific claim about education, it is primarily using \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. An Appeal to Authority (Ethos)
- B. A Red Herring
- C. Inductive Reasoning
- D. Empirical Evidence

**4. In a historical analysis of the Silk Road, the author ignores the impact of the plague to focus solely on cultural exchange. This selective inclusion of information is an example of:**

- A. Synthesizing secondary sources
- B. Omission bias
- C. Chronological sequencing
- D. Objective reporting

**5. A critical reader identifies the statement 'The current taxation system is a relic of a bygone era' as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. A verifiable fact
- B. Statistical data
- C. A value judgment masquerading as fact
- D. A primary source

**6. True or False: Inferring an author's tone is a key component of critical reading because it helps reveal the author's attitude toward the subject matter.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. Which question would a critical reader ask to evaluate the 'scaffolding' of an argument regarding the ethics of Artificial Intelligence?**

- A. What are the major grammatical errors in the third paragraph?
- B. How many pages long is the final document?
- C. What logical leaps exist between the author's premises and their conclusion?
- D. Is the title of the article catchy enough for social media?

**8. If an article about deep-sea exploration is funded by an oil company, a critical reader must investigate the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Word count
- B. Conflict of interest
- C. Typography
- D. Appendix

**9. True or False: Asking 'Who is the intended audience?' is irrelevant if the facts in the text are accurate.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. A student compares two essays on renewable energy. Essay A uses emotional anecdotes from families, while Essay B uses kilowatt-hour efficiency data. The student is performing:**

- A. Rhetorical analysis of Pathos versus Logos
- B. Basic reading comprehension
- C. Character development tracking
- D. Linear plot mapping