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Your Inception into Critical Reading: College Basics

This quiz assesses foundational recall of critical reading concepts, focusing on distinguishing objective evidence from subjective claims in academic texts.

1. Which of the following best defines the primary goal of the 'Initial Survey' phase in critical reading at the collegiate level?

- A. To memorize every specific date and name provided in the text.
- B. To gain an overview of the author's main thesis and document structure.
- C. To rewrite the conclusion in your own creative voice.
- D. To find spelling errors to discredit the author's intelligence.

2. True or False: A scholarly peer-reviewed journal article is generally considered more reliable than a standard editorial in a lifestyle magazine.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When a reader identifies the specific group of people an author intends to reach, they are identifying the _____.

- A. Antagonist
- B. Narrator
- C. Target Audience
- D. Protagonist

4. In the context of critical reading, which statement qualifies as an objective fact rather than a subjective opinion?

- A. The 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, granting women the right to vote.
- B. The 19th Amendment was the most important event in United States history.
- C. Suffragists were incredibly brave for their actions during the protest.
- D. The ratification process for the amendment took far too long.

5. True or False: Critical reading requires the reader to accept the author's claims as true without looking for supporting evidence.

- A. True
- B. False

6. An author's _____ is their underlying preference or prejudice for or against a particular subject or group.

- A. Bibliography
- B. Synthesis
- C. Bias

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D. Footnote

7. Which question would a critical reader ask to evaluate the 'Credibility' of a source?

- A. How many pages long is this document?
- B. What color is the font on the cover page?
- C. What are the author's qualifications and professional background?
- D. Does the book contain any illustrations or photos?

8. True or False: Annotating a text by writing notes in the margins is a common technique used in the critical reading process.

- A. True
- B. False

9. In a formal argument, the _____ is the central claim that the author is attempting to prove.

- A. Anecdote
- B. Thesis
- C. Glossary
- D. Appendix

10. What is the term for the specific reason an author writes a text, such as to persuade, inform, or entertain?

- A. Logical Fallacy
- B. Tone
- C. Author's Purpose
- D. Citation