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Claim Your Edge: 11th Grade Critical Reading Challenge

Solidify your foundational comprehension by identifying biased rhetoric, verifying evidence sources, and distinguishing objective claims from subjective influence.

1. A literary critic writes: 'The stark, monochromatic cinematography in the film evokes a sense of profound isolation.' In critical reading, how is this statement classified?

- A. An objective fact about the film's production
- B. An analytical opinion based on visual style
- C. A primary source citation
- D. A statistical claim about audience reception

2. True or False: In critical reading, questioning the author's credentials is a necessary step in evaluating the reliability of a technical argument.

- A. True
- B. False

3. When a writer includes only data that supports their hypothesis while ignoring conflicting studies, they are demonstrating ____.

- A. Logical fallacies
- B. Confirmation bias
- C. Peer review
- D. Objective synthesis

4. Which of the following is an example of an objective fact that could be used as evidence in a critical reading of a historical text?

- A. The treaty was a tragic mistake for the nation.
- B. The document was signed on July 4th, 1776.
- C. The delegates felt nervous about the outcome.
- D. The revolution was the most important event in history.

5. True or False: The primary goal of an 'active reader' is to memorize every sentence in the text for later recall.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Identifying the ____ of a document helps a critical reader understand why certain information was included and why other details might have been omitted.

- A. Font style
- B. Page count
- C. Author's purpose

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D. Vocabulary level

7. You are reading an editorial regarding urban planning. Which of these questions best represents the 'Analyzing Arguments' phase of critical reading?

- A. Is the font size easy to read?
- B. How many words are in the first paragraph?
- C. Is the author's conclusion supported by the provided traffic statistics?
- D. Does the author use any interesting adjectives?

8. A text that uses words like 'revolutionary,' 'disastrous,' and 'unprecedented' is likely using ___ to influence the reader's emotions.

- A. Neutral data
- B. Scientific notation
- C. Loaded language
- D. Bibliography entries

9. True or False: An opinion can be considered a 'well-supported claim' if it is backed by empirical evidence and logical reasoning.

- A. True
- B. False

10. When evaluating a source's reliability, which of the following provides the most credible evidence for a scientific claim?

- A. A testimonial from a famous celebrity
- B. An anonymous post on a public forum
- C. A column in a lifestyle magazine
- D. A peer-reviewed journal article