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Cosmic Critique: 11th Grade Critical Reading Quests

Can you spot the logical leaps in a galactic manifesto? Deconstruct complex rhetorical strategies and evaluate source validity within simulated interstellar debates.

1. An orbital engineering firm releases a report claiming their Mars colony is 'the safest habitat in the quadrant,' citing a lack of mechanical failures over its first 90 days. Which critical reading lens identifies the flaw here?

- A. Hasty generalization based on insufficient duration
- B. Ad hominem attack against competing terrestrial firms
- C. Red herring used to distract from budgetary overruns
- D. Slippery slope regarding the expansion of the colony

2. When examining a tech mogul's op-ed advocating for unregulated AI development, a critical reader must identify the author's _____ to understand how personal profit motives may influence the argument.

- A. Syntactic complexity
- B. Vested interest
- C. Diction choices
- D. Historical allusions

3. In the context of critical reading, identifying a text as 'rhetorically effective' is the same as asserting that the text's claims are objectively true.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Consider a speech by a fictional United Nations Representative regarding deep-sea mining. If the speaker uses emotionally charged language like 'plundering the silent depths,' they are primarily employing:

- A. Logos to provide statistical clarity
- B. Pathos to evoke an aesthetic and moral reaction
- C. Ethos to establish scientific credentials
- D. Kairos to emphasize the timing of the legislation

5. A critical reader evaluates the _____ of a source by checking if the information is current, published by a reputable body, and supported by peer-reviewed evidence.

- A. Narrative arc
- B. Aesthetic value
- C. Credibility
- D. Length

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6. The presence of a counter-argument within an essay typically weakens the author's primary claim in the eyes of a critical reader.

- A. True
- B. False

7. A historian writes about the 1920s 'Roaring Twenties' but focuses exclusively on the economic growth of urban centers while ignoring rural poverty. This is an example of:

- A. Explicit bias
- B. Metaphorical framing
- C. Selection bias (omission)
- D. Confirmation bias

8. To analyze the _____ of a document, a student must look beyond the literal text to understand the socio-political environment in which it was produced.

- A. Historical context
- B. Lexical density
- C. Font choice
- D. Total word count

9. In a debate about green energy, a speaker claims, 'If we don't ban all fossil fuels by midnight, the planet will be uninhabitable by morning.' This is an example of which logical fallacy?

- A. Equivocation
- B. False Dilemma/Dichotomy
- C. Circular Reasoning
- D. Correlation vs. Causation

10. The 'tone' of a text reflects the author's attitude toward the subject matter and is often conveyed through specific word choices and sentence structures.

- A. True
- B. False