

# HOW TO... IMPROVE YOUR CRITICAL THINKING

GET PREPARED FOR YOUR  
PRESENTATIONS!



# OVERVIEW AKA AQQCI

- ARGUMENT
- QUOTES
- QUESTIONS
- CONNECTIONS
- IMPLICATIONS



# ARGUMENT



**01**

What is the argument of the paper/book/chapter you are reading

**02**

Focus on the argument and dissertation of the author, not on the topic and summary of the contents of the text. Remember that you are not supposed to provide a summary but a critical analysis of what you have read

# QUOTES

**CHOOSE FROM 1 TO 3 SENTENCES OF THE PAPER/CHAPTER YOU ARE READING**

THESE SENTENCES ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS ON THE AUTHOR'S ARGUMENT



# CRITICAL QUESTIONS

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What are the research questions written by the author?  
What is the starting point of their dissertation?

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What are the core questions provided by the author throughout the text?

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What are the questions that the text provoke to you?

# CONNECTIONS



## TEXT 1

- While you read the paper/chapter what does it evoke to you?
- Are there other authors that come in your mind?
- Which specific texts?



## TEXT 2

- Elaborate your preliminary thoughts and try and articulate them with other materials/papers/authors.
- Which are the contact points between AUTHOR 1 and AUTHOR 2?



## TEXT 3

- How do the authors and their ideas distance themselves?

# IMPLICATIONS

Now that the author's argument and questions are clear;  
and now that you have tried and connect the author's ideas with other  
thinkers/scholars ideas and concepts...

## DESTROY THE ARGUMENT

What if you had to fight with that author and make they feel wrong about their  
assumptions and arguments? How would you do that? What are the weak spots  
in their analysis? What are your counter-arguments?

# DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS SO FAR?

FEEL FREE TO MAKE THIS AN OPEN DISCUSSION FOR  
QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING

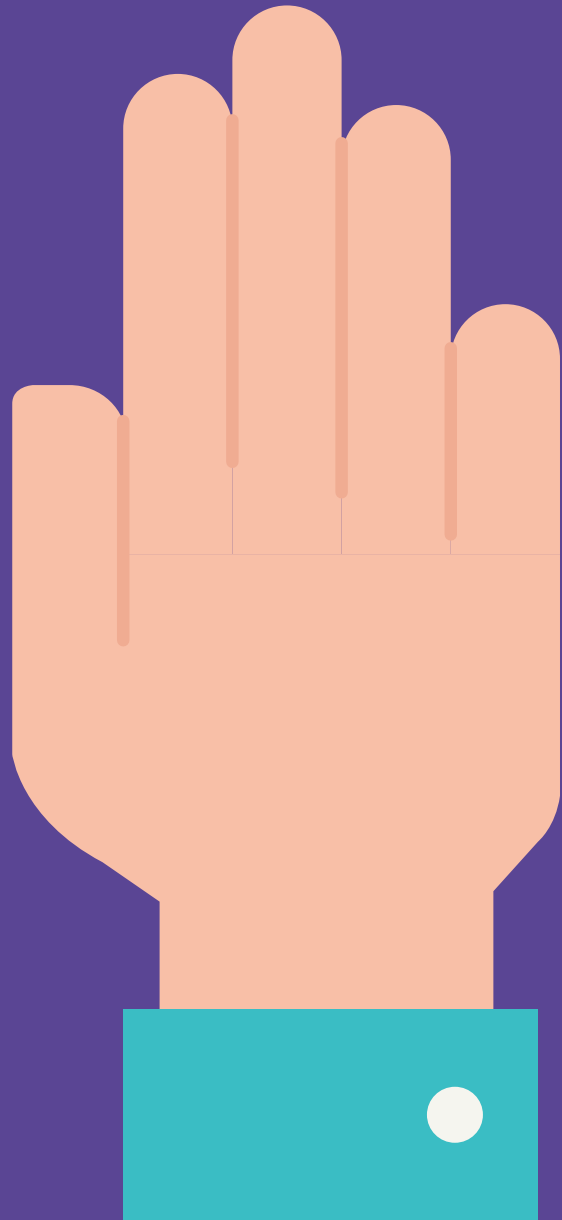


# AQQCI

## USE THIS METHOD FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

I DON'T WANT THE SUMMARY OF THE MATERIALS I PROVIDE TO YOU, I WANT YOU TO IMPROVE YOUR **CRITICAL THINKING**; I WANT YOU TO **ENGAGE** WITH THE LITERATURE AND **DIALOGUE** WITH THE AUTHORS, THEIR IDEAS AND CONCEPTS





# RECAP

## ARGUMENT

What is the argument of what you're reading?

## QUOTES

Which are the most significant quotes of the author?

## (CRITICAL) QUESTIONS

What are the author's main questions?

## CONNECTIONS

Connect what've been reading with other authors/ideas/suggestions

## IMPLICATIONS

Smash the author's argument

**THANK YOU!**

