Melanie Mitchell's AI Text Task Specification

When given a reading assignment (generally speaking, one chapter) from Melanie Mitchell's "Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans," please consider the following script to be the recommended approach to striking up a meaningful relationship with the text for the purposes of this course. In fact, it is the approach that you are expected to adopt in this course:

1. On your own, read the selected portion of the text (the Prologue or a Chapter)

2. OYO, lift fragments (generally some number of contiguous sentences) from the text in order to answer the "Twenty Questions" posed. MM is very articulate. **Post these answers to your web work site, in the form of a PDF document that presents 20 question/answer pairs.** (Decontextualized answers are not appropriate to this exercize in learning a bit about the history of AI.)

3. OYO, try to internalize the twenty questions and answers in some sort of semantic sense.

4. There will come a time, for each portion of text selected for consideration, that class time will be devoted to a discussion of the material featured in the selected reading. The discussion will be focussed by a list of 10 questions selected from the list of 20 questions posed for the chapter.

5. When the time comes for classroom discussion of the selected portion of the text, do your best, by contributing in an appropriate manner, to help make the discussion a rewarding learning experience for all.