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# READING NOTES: "THE WELL-EDUCATED MIND" CH 2

## WRESTLING WITH BOOKS: THE ACT OF READING

### READING

- GATHERING DATA VS.
- TO BE INFORMED
- COLLECT FACTS

### SERIOUS READING

- GATHERING DATA & UNDERSTANDING IDEAS
- TO DEVELOP WISDOM
- MAKE USE OF THE FACTS YOU'VE GATHERED

PG 24. "TO BE INFORMED IS TO KNOW SIMPLY THAT SOMETHING IS THE CASE. TO BE ENLIGHTENED IS TO KNOW, IN ADDITION, WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT" MORTIMER ADLER, "HOW TO READ A BOOK"

- THE SERIOUS READER IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO ASSIMILATE A HUGE QUANTITY OF INFORMATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT TO UNDERSTAND A FEW MANY-SIDED AND ELUSIVE IDEAS". PG. 27

- SPEED READING IS MOST USEFUL WHEN PURE INFORMATION IS OFFERED. ~~REPEATEDLY~~ PG. 29

- THREE INSIGHTS OFFERED BY SPEED READING EXPERTS (PG. 30)

1. THE AVERAGE READER CONTINUALLY GLANCES BACK AT WHAT WAS ALREADY READ, THEN SKIPS FORWARD AGAIN TO WHERE THEIR READING LEFT OFF. } THIS CAN BE A BAD HABIT

2. WHEN READING A DIFFICULT PASSAGE, IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO SWEEP OVER A PARAGRAPH FOR CONCRETE NOUNS, ACTION VERBS, AND CAPITALIZED LETTERS BEFORE READING THE PARAGRAPH FROM BEGINNING TO END. } SCAN USING A Z-SHAPED PATTERN DOWN & ACROSS THE PAGE

\* CONCRETE NOUNS = NOUNS REFERRING TO CONCRETE

THINGS → PEOPLE, FOOD, CLOTHING, ANIMALS, ETC.

\* ACTION VERBS = DESCRIBE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
RUN, JUMP, CLIMB, ECT.

\* THREE INSIGHTS... (CONT.)

3. PETER KUMPS RULE THREE ("THE MORE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT OF A WRITTEN PASSAGE THE READER HAS, THE EASIER IT IS TO READ FAST.")

← THE ONETIME DIRECTOR OF THE "EVELYN WOOD READING DYNAMICS" SPEED READING COURSE.

- SERIOUS READING, ~~IS~~ DIFFICULT AT THE BEGINNING, GETS EASIER AND EASIER. ← THAT'S WHY READING BOOKS ~~IN~~ IN A SUBJECT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF WHEN WRITTEN IS RECOMMENDED.

\* PRACTICE THE MECHANICS OF READING

- IF A SLOW READER AND POOR SPELLER, AUTHOR SUGGESTS WORKING THROUGH A REMEDIAL PHONICS TEXT TO IMPROVE READING SPEED.

PHONICS PATHWAYS

- IF NEED TO INCREASE VOCABULARY, AUTHOR RECOMMENDS A VOCABULARY BUILDER ~~COURSE~~ COURSE TO INCREASE MENTAL STORE OF WORDS, AND ~~WILL~~ WILL SPEED UP READING "WORLDLY WISE 300". MOST ADULT READERS COULD START WITH BOOK 6.

- AUTHOR RECOMMENDS THE "VOCABULARY FROM CLASSICAL ROOTS" SERIES AS A GOOD FOLLOW-UP TO "WORLDLY WISE 300".

USE FIRST 15 MIN. OF SCHEDULED READING TIME TO PRACTICE THESE, IF USED.

PG. 26 "READING IS A LIFE-LONG PROCESS... THERE'S NO HURRY..."