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THE
READING NOTES: WELL-EDUCATED MIND, CH 4, STARTING TO READ:
FINAL PREPARATIONS

* FIRST READING OF CHAPTER

SERIOUS READING IS HARD WORK

PATTERN
OF THE
TRIVIAL



1. YOU'LL TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE BOOK'S BASIC STRUCTURE AND ARGUMENT
2. YOU'LL EVALUATE THE BOOK'S ASSERTIONS
3. YOU'LL FORM AN OPINION ABOUT THE BOOK'S IDEAS

1. UNDERSTANDING

2. ANALYSIS

3. EVALUATION

} APPLIED THESE THREE SKILLS ARE APPLIED
DIFFERENTLY FOR EACH BOOK TYPE

REGARDING THE ~~THE~~ FIRST READ-THROUGH OF A BOOK

1. IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO GRASP ALL OF THE AUTHOR'S POINTS. GOAL IS GETTING THE BIG PICTURE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BOOK'S BEGINNING, MIDDLE, AND END.
2. DON'T GET STUCK AT DIFFICULT PASSAGES. SKIP THEM AND MOVE ON. GOAL IS TO FINISH ^{READING} THE BOOK, IN ORDER TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE NEXT READING.

- IF POSSIBLE, BUY A COPY OF THE BOOK AND GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO DEFACE THE BOOK WITH YOUR NOTES. ONLY THEN WILL YOU REALLY OWN THE BOOK.

- BEFORE READING, DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. READ THE TITLE PAGE
2. READ THE BACK COVER
3. REVIEW THE TABLE OF CONTENTS.

BEFORE READING (CONT.)

4. WHEN TO READ THE PREFACE

- ~~FOR REFLECTION~~ - ONLY IF THE PREFACE DOESN'T GIVE YOU AN ~~AND~~ INTERPRETATION OF THE BOOK (~~OR~~ HOW YOU SHOULD INTERPRET THE BOOK SHOULD BE UP TO YOU)
- ONLY IF THE PREFACE IS WRITTEN ~~OR~~ PERSONALLY BY THE AUTHOR OR TRANSLATOR.
- WHILE READING FIRST TIME THROUGH
 - DON'T TAKE EXTENSIVE NOTES ← (I'M GUILTY OF DOING THIS)
- WWW.JOLLYROGER.COM = WEB SITE DEVOTED TO THE DISCUSSION OF GREAT BOOKS
- * THE FOURTH STEP: PRACTICING GRAMMAR-STAGE READING SKILLS
 - AUTHOR GIVES THE SIX PRINCIPLES THAT GOVERN THE FIRST STAGE OF READING
 - AUTHOR RECOMMENDS APPLYING THE SIX PRINCIPLES ON THE ~~NEXT~~ FIRST 10 CHAPTERS OF DON QUIXOTE.