

# How to Read a Book

## Chapter 11 Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the two concepts of “agreement” that exist between author and reader. (p. 151-152)
2. Assuming the reader does understand the author clearly, but still disagrees with the judgement the author has reached, what are the three conditions that should be considered to disagree appropriately? (p. 153-154)
3. In the absence of these ideal conditions of disagreement, Adler prescribes four ways to criticize a book fairly. The first three points deal with the whether the author’s points are reasonable and sound. Describe these three conditions. (p. 155-159)
4. While the first three points of criticism dealt with soundness of the author’s statements, and deal with terms and propositions and arguments put forth by the author, the fourth point deals with how well the author actually completes his task. Discuss what is meant by this, and how this is distinguished from the first three points. (p. 158-160)

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