

How to Read a Book

Chapter 12 Discussion Questions

1. What is the difference between intrinsic and extrinsic reading? What do the authors have to say about using extrinsic aids when reading? (p.166-167)
2. What are the four categories of extrinsic aids? (p. 167)
3. Discuss the role of relevant experience as an extrinsic aid to reading. (p. 167-168)
4. How can you know if you have understood what you've read in a book, using your common and special experience? (p. 167)
5. Discuss the role of other books as extrinsic aids to reading? What do the authors say about The Great Conversation? (p. 170-171)
6. Discuss the use of commentaries and abstracts as extrinsic aids to reading. (p. 171-172)
7. Discuss the use of reference books as extrinsic aids to reading. (p. 173-174)
8. Discuss the use of dictionaries and encyclopedia as reference books. (p. 177-178, 179-180)