

READING RHETORICALLY

Post-Reading

ACTIVITY 13: Thinking Critically

With your group, you will answer the assigned questions. Everyone must record answers; write down the responses to the questions as they are reported from your classmates. Be prepared to share your group's answers with the class.

1. Colvin's article begins in some ways like a rollercoaster. He states that Warren Buffett is the world's best investor, then asks what made Buffett the best. Then he writes that "We think we know" and shares the common explanation. Next, he provides a quote from Buffett, which confirms this reasoning. He declares, "Well, folks, it is not so simple." He suggests that the reasoning is inaccurate. Colvin then offers another explanation as to what makes people great in any field. Finally, he shows that this explanation (rather than Buffett's explanation) explains Buffett's success.

What were you thinking when you read through these 'turns' in his opening paragraphs?

Type your answer here

Why do you think Colvin began his article in such a way?

Type your answer here

2. In paragraph 12 through 21, Colin explains deliberate practice. What does he say?

Type your answer here

Look at paragraph 13 and 20; Colvin provides two specific examples of deliberate practice. What are they?

a) *Type your answer here*

b) *Type your answer here*

What are the most important characteristics of deliberate practice?

Type your answer here

3. What do you believe is the purpose of the article?

Type your answer here

What information, insight or other knowledge does Colvin hope his readers will walk away with?

Type your answer here

How might this article affect readers?

Type your answer here

4. Why does Colvin say that it is good news that "your lack of a natural gift is irrelevant (in paragraph 3)?

Type your answer here

Is it good news to you?

Type your answer here

Why or Why not?

Type your answer here

5. In your own words, what question or problem motivates researchers to want to study great performers?

Type your answer here

Why were the researchers trying to find out what makes people become great in their fields?

Type your answer here

6. What evidence does Colvin provide to support the argument in “What it Takes to be Great”?

Type your answer here

What evidence is the most convincing in supporting the argument ? Why?

Type your answer here