

Superficial Reading Sheet (Adler-style)

Systematic skimming or pre-reading		
1	Title	
2	Author	
3	Publisher, Place of Publication	
4	Year of Publication	
5	Preface > <i>Pigeonhole the book</i>	
6	Index > <i>Important keywords & read paragraphs randomly</i>	
7	Dust jacket information	
8	Chapters > <i>read opening and/or closing passages/pages carefully</i>	
9	Thumb through > <i>locate main arguments</i> 1. <i>conclusion reached</i> 2. <i>reason given by authors</i> 3. <i>is it based on fact, theory or faith?</i> 4. <i>words used (neutral or emotional)</i>	

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Superficial reading (read through while asking questions)		
10	What is the book about as a whole? (subject/classification)	
	What is being said in detail, and how? (terms/interpretation)	
	Is the book true, in whole or part? (truth/evaluation)	
	What of it? (significance/response)	

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Note-making	
11	Structural > <i>about the content of the subject</i>

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12	Conceptual > <i>about the truth and significance of its content</i>

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13	Dialectical > <i>about the shape of the argument in the larger discussion of other people's ideas</i>