

Reading Style Evaluation

Do you know what type of reader you are? Using this chart to analyze what you value in a book will help you choose reading material that will enhance your experience.

1. What is the last book you loved? (If you don't have a recent one, think of books you loved as a child).
2. Are you more interested in fiction, nonfiction, or a combination of the two?
3. Do you enjoy funny stories, reflective ones, or a mixture?
4. What is most important to you when reading a book?

***Use the guidelines below as a starting point to evaluate your reading preferences.**

Book Properties	Questions to Ask Yourself	Notes
Plot	Do you like when a book has fast-moving action? Do you get bored if characters spend pages talking about their feelings instead of doing something?	
Character Development	Do you want to feel like you know the characters deeply or are you OK with only knowing surface elements?	
Setting	Do you like reading details about a world or environment? Do you prefer books set on campuses, in beach towns, cities...?	
Writing Style	Is it important to you that sentences are sophisticated and lyrical? Can you ignore mediocre writing as long as the plot is good?	
Structure	Do you like stories to follow a linear path? Do you enjoy when authors play with structure and add letters, documents, or unexpected angles?	