

Topic sheet for interview session 1

1. Could you name a few of your favourite authors/writers?
2. Are you mainly a fiction or nonfiction reader?
 - a. How would you describe your habits or preferences in terms of reading fiction versus nonfiction?
3. Transportation
 - a. When you read, do you tend to be very transported (so you lose track of your surroundings)? Please describe...
 - b. Do you put yourself inside of the text, or do you feel quite separate?
 - i. Do you step into the author's position, or put yourself in the shoes of the figures in the text?
4. What is critical thinking?
 - a. What kinds of adjectives would best describe a critical thinker?
 - b. Do you think there is single 'true' or correct answer to most issues?
 - i. Do you think there are issues on which we can all be equally right even if we disagree?
 - c. Do you think your critical thinking approaches have changed over time across your lifespan?
5. Critical Thinking when reading
 - a. Can you describe any kinds of evaluations that usually go through your mind while reading?

- i. For example, do you guess what will come next in text? Do you judge the author's intentions?
 - b. How would you characterise the similarities or difference in the way you think during reading fiction versus nonfiction?
 - i. Can you describe the evaluations you typically make when reading nonfiction?
 - 1. What about fiction?
- 6. What might reading contribute to how you think critically in everyday life?
 - a. In what ways might fiction reading improve critical thinking in everyday life?
 - b. In what ways might nonfiction reading improve critical thinking in everyday life?

Topic sheet for interview session 2

- 1. Can you briefly describe the text you chose to read?
- 2. How immersive was your reading experience?
 - a. Did you identify strongly with the author or any figures in the text?
 - b. How clearly did you picture the scenes being described?
 - c. Did you read the text in long reading stretches? Or did you split into small bites?

- i. What do you think you gain from small bites of reading? And what about long sessions?

3. Critical thinking about your text

- a. Can you describe an example of something in the text that made you think critically?
 - i. Did you stop reading to think critically, or did you do the thinking afterwards?
 - ii. Did you come to any conclusions?
- b. Did the book contain different beliefs and perspectives from your own?
 - i. How did it feel to read those?

4. Change to your thinking

- a. Can you give any examples of how this text has changed the way you think about anything?
- b. Is there anything from the text that you will continue to think critically about?

5. Reading choice

- a. How do you think your choice of books influences your thinking habits?
- b. What do you want from the next book you are going to read?
- c. I am looking to improve my critical thinking – can you recommend me a book to read that you think would boost my critical thinking?
 - i. Why this book?