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Reading Lives

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Reading Texts, Reading Lives Daniel Morris, Helen Maxson, 2012-06-14 Our culture attempts to separate competing ideological factions by denying relationships between multiple perspectives and influences outside of one's own narrow interpretive community. The distinguished essayists in this volume find Daniel R. Schwarz's pluralistic self-questioning approach to what he calls reading texts and reading lives quite relevant to the current historical moment and political situation. A legendary scholar of modernist literature, Schwarz's critical principles are a healthy corrective to cultural hubris. The essayists treat works ranging from fictions by Joyce, Conrad, Morrison, and Woolf to the poetry of Yeats to Holocaust literature to the environmental writings of Wendell Berry to the photographs of Lee Friedlander. The authors focus on different works but they follow Schwarz in stressing formal elements most often associated with traditional realism while keeping an eye on historical and author-centered approaches. The essayists also follow Schwarz in their emphasis on narrative cohesion and in how they look for signs of agency among characters who possess the will to alter their fate even in a seemingly random universe such as the one depicted by Conrad. Readers with eyes to ethics and aesthetics follow Schwarz in encouraging a values-centered approach that leaves room for the reader to address the ways in which reading a text correlates to the reader's ability to find meaning and value in experience outside the text. Like Schwarz, the essays look for intentionality of authorial meaning rather than something called an author function as well as for the relationship between lived experience and the imagined world of the literary work rather than the endless semiotic play of an ultimately indecipherable text.

The Reading Lives of Teens Chin Ee Loh, 2024-11-04 In these changing times of global flows of media and technologies and reports of declining reading enjoyment, researchers, policymakers, and educators need to engage anew with essential issues of what counts as reading, what kinds of reading matter, and how to support teen reading engagement in school and out of school settings. Bringing together contributions from well-known and emerging adolescent literacy researchers from different disciplinary perspectives, this edited collection consolidates contemporary research on teens' volitional print and digital reading whether in school or out of school contexts. The first part of the book offers overviews of what teens are reading, followed by chapters on community support on reading and new ways of researching teen reading. With chapters from North America, Europe, Australia, Asia, and the Middle East, the collection will offer multifaceted and complex insights into what, how, and why teens read in different contexts. Reflection questions at the end of each chapter encourage readers to consider how the research can be applied in their own research policy and practice contexts. This book will be of interest to researchers, policymakers, and educators who are invested in supporting adolescent engaged reading with evidence-based policies and strategies.

Reading Our Lives William L. Randall, Elizabeth McKim, 2008-06-03 Against the background of Socrates' insight that the unexamined life is not worth living, *Reading Our Lives: The Poetics of Growing Old* investigates the often overlooked inside dimensions of aging. Despite popular portrayals of mid

and later life as entailing inevitable decline this book looks at aging as potentially a process of poesis a creative endeavor of fashioning meaning from the ever accumulating texts memories and reflections that constitute our inner worlds At its center is the conviction that although we are constantly reading our lives to some degree anyway doing so in a mindful matter is critical to our development in the second half of life Drawing on research in numerous disciplines affected by the so called narrative turn including cognitive psychology neuroscience and the psychology of aging authors Randall and McKim articulate a vision of aging that promises to accommodate such time honored concepts as wisdom and spirituality one that understands aging as a matter not merely of getting old but of consciously growing old *Reading To Live* Raymond Studzinski,2009-12-01 Lectio divina the ancient practice of prayerful reading is a font whose waters are waiting to quench the thirst of spiritual seekers both beginners on the spiritual journey and experienced travelers The art of holy reading transforms lives Through the practice of lectio individuals and communities discover God s living word addressed to them in their particular now to enlighten challenge encourage and suggest Reading to Live traces the practice of lectio divina from its roots in the ascetic movement in the early church and monasticism to its rediscovery in recent times The benefits lectio brings become clear as Origen Augustine Bernard and many others throughout history testify to its power in their lives Modern commentators from a variety of disciplines spell out lectio s potential for the world of the twenty first century This book invites people of all faiths to embrace the Venerable practice of lectio divina It provides abundant creative testimonies to its practice and to its life changing effects Raymond Studzinski OSB a monk of St Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana is an associate professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America Washington DC where he teaches courses on religious development and spirituality *The Role of Reading in Nine Famous Lives* Donald E. Howard,2015-09-11 According to the end of millennium Arts and Entertainment Television Network survey the single most influential person of the last thousand years was Johann Gutenberg the inventor of the printing press The revolutionary advent of moveable metal type made possible the diffusion of books to people around the world profoundly influencing the lives of many famous historical figures thereafter This book attempts to demonstrate the role that reading has played throughout the course of history It documents the lives of nine individuals of outstanding achievement whose efforts were molded by the books they read The subjects are presented in chronological order according to birth Respective chapters contain brief biographies of the subjects and discuss the ways in which each used books as a principal aid in the development of his or her exceptional talents Subjects include Benjamin Franklin who was in 1724 an active connoisseur in the rapidly growing printing trade Thomas Jefferson Abraham Lincoln Frederick Douglass Susan B Anthony Booker T Washington Pearl S Buck Louis L Amour and Nelson Mandela The book maintains that while these historical figures represent a wide range of talents and influences to each is attributed invaluable contributions to society Each was a dedicated reader inspired to greatness by the power of the written word *Story* Katie Egan Cunningham,2015 Stories surround us support us and

sustain us We see and hear them when walking down the street on our digital newsfeeds in our interactions with one another in the ways our students play and in literature poetry music images multimedia and dramatic works While acknowledging the importance of teaching students strategies to read different kinds of text to write across genres and to speak and listen with purpose Katie Egan Cunningham reminds us that when we bridge strategy with the power of story we deepen literacy learning and foster authentic engagement Story Still the Heart of Literacy Learning compels us to ask crucial questions Why do stories matter Whose stories count Where do stories live How do stories come alive How do we build stories How do we talk about stories And why does this work take courage Katie shares her story as a classroom teacher literacy specialist staff developer and professor She shows teachers how to create classrooms of caring and inquisitive readers writers and storytellers Katie explains specific ways to build a classroom library that reflects our diverse society through rich purposeful and varied texts She also provides numerous examples of multigenre and multimodal stories from children s and young adult literature poetry songs and multimedia The practical toolkit at the end of each chapter demonstrates how to make stories come alive in any classroom

Motivating Teen and Preteen Readers Jeffrey Pflaum, 2011-08-16 Computer games video games Internet iPods DVDs CDs texting social media and surfing No wonder reading has a hard time competing for adolescents attention Research studies find that interest in reading diminishes after the fourth grade and continues through high school Throw in a testing culture with all its drill lessons and you still wind up with 50% of college freshman unable to comprehend the textbooks Whatever happened to motivation You can lead a horse to water but **Motivating Teen and Preteen Readers** How Teachers and Parents Can Lead the Way contains over 1 000 diverse original fun creative absurd challenging questions on reading that will inspire adolescent reading lives from the inside out The four books of questions contained in this volume are designed to help kids help themselves find their ways to a desire to read Weekly questions discussions and raps a one year journey into the worlds of reading compel preteens and teens to face their demons peacefully and to re create a passion for reading of course with a little guidance from their friends teachers parents and this book Check out some questions What was the first book you remember reading by yourself What thoughts are triggered by this book What feelings come back to you Think of a word that makes you feel good Silently say the word over and over again to yourself Describe what you experienced Athletes say they re in the zone when playing at their best Describe your reading when you re reading in the zone Reading everyday quietly changes your world Explain Mind pictures reading s little miracles Explain

Reading and Writing for Pleasure Teresa Cremin, Helen Hendry, Liz Chamberlain, Samantha Jayne Hulston, 2025-09-12 Reading and writing for pleasure represent issues of global concern and interest in policy research and practice underpinned by evidence illustrating their importance for young people s academic social and emotional experiences and outcomes In the face of a sustained decline in children s enjoyment in both reading and writing this highly significant book presents findings from a three year study of research and practice that nurtures young people s engagement as readers and writers The book offers a

rich understanding of the study highlighting the commonalities and synergies identified from the research literature and diverse practice contexts It introduces a new and powerful Reading and Writing Framework for Practice for schools and charitable literacy programmes The authors offer practical strategies and recommendations throughout for practitioners researchers and policy makers who wish to advance this agenda in their own contexts Areas covered include The nature of reading and writing for pleasure Literate identities Motivating readers and writers Social interactions Role models and connected communities Future research practice and policy This field defining text is a key resource for all those committed to halting the decline in young people s engagement as volitional readers and writers *Critical Reading Across the Curriculum, Volume 1* Robert DiYanni,Anton Borst,2017-02-06 Powerful strategies tools and techniques for educators teaching students critical reading skills in the humanities Every educator understands the importance of teaching students how to read critically Even the best teachers however find it challenging to translate their own learned critical reading practices into explicit strategies for their students Critical Reading Across the Curriculum Humanities Volume 1 presents exceptional insight into what educators require to facilitate critical and creative thinking skills Written by scholar educators from across the humanities each of the thirteen essays in this volume describes strategies educators have successfully executed to develop critical reading skills in students studying the humanities These include ways to help students focus actively re read and reflect to re think and re consider understand the close relationship between reading and writing become cognizant of the critical importance of context in critical reading and of making contextual connections learn to ask the right questions in critical reading and reasoning appreciate reading as dialogue debate and engaged conversation In addition teachers will find an abundance of innovative exercises and activities encouraging students to practice their critical reading skills These can easily be adapted for and applied across many disciplines and course curricula in the humanities The lifelong benefits of strong critical reading skills are undeniable Students with properly developed critical reading skills are confident learners with an enriched understanding of the world around them They advance academically and are prepared for college success This book arms educators librarians high school teachers university lecturers and beyond with the tools to teach a most paramount lesson **Close Reading in Elementary School** Diana Sisson,Betsy Sisson,2024-03-06 Many literacy experts believe close reading has the power to create strong independent readers but what does that really mean and how does it work in the classroom This book is your must have guide to getting started It provides step by step strategies and scaffolds for teaching close reading and improving students comprehension of complex texts You will learn how to teach close reading based on text type how to accelerate learning through increasingly challenging texts in both print and digital media how to use close reading as a springboard for close talks and close writes and how to support your students to move forward confidently with a repertoire of tools to employ as they navigate complex text in their daily lives Special Features A clear explanation of what text complexity really means and how it varies by student An easy to use framework for creating a

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