

Reference Table 1: Reading for context

Ask these questions	What will you learn asking these questions?
What am I reading?	Always consider the source. What kind of information do you have? A well-researched magazine article or a promotional website?
Who is the author?	Investigate the author to understand both their perspective and background on the topic, as well as their authority – are you reading an expert or just someone's personal opinion?
When was it written?	Historical information can be very valuable, but it must be considered in the context of its publication date.
Why was it written?	Can you determine the purpose or goal of the work based on the publication source, title, or abstract?
Tips Reliability. Always understand how reliable a source is and never give more value to a source that it deserves. Authority. Always understand how much the author knows about the topic and what the underlying purpose of goal of a work is.	