



Baltimore Legacy ABSW Book Club Reading Guide

Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism
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<p style="text-align: center;">THE AUTHOR'S VIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the book/paper about? • What are the main ideas and concepts? • Describe the content without prejudice • Suspend judgement • Attempt to understand and describe the reality out there • Summarize the main points. 	<p style="text-align: center;">OWN PERSONAL RESPONSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I feel about the book/paper? • My view: Passion and Judgement • Do I love it? Hate it? • Is it too short? Too long? Boring? Well written? Uninspiring...? • Intense emotions; strong ideas
<p style="text-align: center;">CRITIQUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is possible for me to learn from the book/paper (even if I disagree with it)? • What is applicable in practice? • What is missing? • What arguments so I have for my constructive evaluation of it? 	<p style="text-align: center;">SELF REFLEXIVITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do I come to love/hate these ideas? • What do I believe in? • How come I believe in it? • What is the effect of these beliefs on my practice and views? • What would happen if I thought differently?