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**Reading Nonfiction with a Skeptical Eye**

Many students believe nonfiction pieces are ALWAYS impartial. The truth is nonfiction pieces—particularly current events connected to controversial issues—usually present a certain point of view. So critical readers look for interpretations of facts that reflect the author’s personal opinions or experiences that help shape the author’s point of view. Use the questions below to practice critical reading of nonfiction.

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| * Title, Author, Date, type of nonfiction (doc)
* The main point
 | * What are the opinions, experiences, identities of the author that shape it’s POV?
 | * Quote phrases that best express the doc’s POV.
* Paraphrase the quote.
 | * What other evidence (docs) support this doc’s POV?
* What other evidence (docs) dispute this doc’s POV?
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