

Reading Log #1: “To David Chang...”

**Directions:**

Read the article once for general understanding, once again for more specific understanding and details, and once again looking connections between ideas and developing questions about the text. Be certain to make note of key ideas (ideas that are developed and explained in the text), and look up any vocabulary with which you are unfamiliar.

Then, respond to the following in complete sentences.

Note: for this first log, I have completed some of the work for you! You are very welcome. To complete this first reading log, begin by copying the examples, highlighted here in yellow, following the phrase “for example” in numbers 1 – 5. Be sure to complete the remainder of number 6 on your own, and complete numbers 6 – 8, as well.

1) Identify the text by author, title, source, and date:

For example: Tim Carman, “To David Chang, the ‘Ethnic’ Food Aisle Is Racist. Others Say It’s Convenient” *Washington Post*, Sept. 30, 2019

2) Identify type of text: For example, a book or chapter of a book, a news article, editorial, government document, advertisement, blogpost, foundation, documentary or film, TV or radio program.

For example: “To David Chang...” is an article.

3) Identify main subject(s) of text:

For example: The main subject of “To David Chang...” is a discussion of whether or not ethnic food aisles in grocery stores are racist in their existence.

4) Identify the main purpose of the text: For example – is it to provide information, analyze a subject, tell a story, take a position, or sell a product?

For example: “To David Chang...” is analyzing the idea of ethnic food aisles being the result of racism.

5) Identify author of the text: For example, is she or he an expert in a field related to the subject of the text, a reporter of news, an investigative journalist who has done research on the subject of the text, a witness to events related to the subject of the text, a government agency or organization promoting an agenda, a corporation selling a product? It is important to determine an author’s credibility and her or his point of view in order to effectively assess her or his argument.

For example: Tim Carman writes for the *Washington Post*, where he has been a food writer since 2010. He has twice been nominated for James Beard Foundation Awards,

and was awarded one in 2011 for Food-Related Columns and Commentary. Over the years, he has written for various publications besides the *Washington Post*, including *Men's Journal* and *Food Republic*.

- 6) Consider the outside sources: In this essay “To David Chang...” Tim Carman reports on a personal story from David Chang, one about being a child of immigrants, and how it feels to find the food his family ate in a separate aisle of the grocery store. Explain why you feel Carman may have included this story in his article.
  
- 7) Make connection between the text and at least one of the following:
  - a. Other texts you have read on the same subject as the text you’ve read for this assignment.
  - b. Other sources such as television, film or internet, that relate to the subject of this text.
  - c. Personal experience with the subject of this text and / or the experience of people you know.
  
- 8) What question(s) would you ask the author, or of one of the people quoted in the text? (Identify whom you’re asking the question of, along with the question.)