

Exegetical Reading Machine

(inspired by "Newspaper Reading Machine" by John White)

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Material: Photocopies of a philosophical text of one's choice situated in the middle of a page with wide margins on all 4 sides (top, bottom, left, right).

Performers: 4-10

Procedure: Designate a conductor who will cue round transitions by reading aloud the round number at the beginning of each round. Designate an order for reading for rounds that entail "one at a time." After an agreed signal to start, read/alter the indicate text 9 times following the instructions listed below.

Note: Please sing softly one word from the text whenever one is waiting for all to finish. Once everyone is singing, this is a cue for the conductor to initiate the next round.

1- Aloud, together, moderate pace

2- Read silently, underlining and writing questions in the Left Margin. *Wait for all to finish*

3- Quiet, together, emphasizing loudly that which is underlined.

4- One at a time, read aloud downwards only the left margin, one question at a time, until all questions are read. Once a player has read all their questions, they should raise their hand.

5- Read silently, writing comments in the Right Margin. *Wait for all to finish.*

6- All together, read aloud Right Margin. Stagger readings such that Player 1 begins, after Player 1 reads one sentence Player 2 begins reading, after Player 2 reads one sentence, Player 3 begins, etc. *Wait for all to finish.*

7- Write in the Top Margin a commentary about this passage as a whole. *Wait for all to finish.*

8- Pass your sheet of paper to a reader on your right. Write commentary in the Bottom Margin about the content in the Top Margin. When finished, pass your sheet back to the left. *Wait for all to finish.*

9- One at a time, read aloud the Bottom Margin's commentary adding improvised vocalized interpretations of your own about the commentary.