

Reading Check

Directions: Think about the ideas in the essays. Then answer each question in one or two sentences.

1. In your own words, what are the three benefits of studies cited in “Of Studies”?

2. What, according to Bacon, is the purpose of reading?

3. What does Bacon mean when he says that some books are to be chewed and digested”?

4. In “Of Marriage and Single Life,” does Bacon say that great public works are created only by unmarried or childless men? Explain.

5. According to Bacon, who is generally more cruel and hard-hearted – a married man or a single man?
