

# Reading Skill

## EVALUATE OPINIONS

Essays often contain the author’s opinions based on his or her experiences and observations. As you read essays, it is important to **evaluate** opinions by judging whether or not you agree with them. In some cases, that will depend on your own experiences and observations. In other cases, the author’s use of supporting reasons and examples may be enough to convince you to agree.

**Directions:** As you read each essay, look for statements of opinion. Write each statement on one of the charts and give a brief explanation of why you agree or disagree with it. An example has been done for you.

### “Of Studies”

Opinion	Agree	Disagree
“Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed . . .”	Not all books demand equal attention.	

### “Of Marriage and Single Life”

Opinion	Agree	Disagree