

more than a few **REASONS to READ**

There are so many reasons to read, and so many potential benefits!

Why read? We can...

- be entertained
- enjoy creativity
- become more creative thinkers
- nurture our sense of wonder
- rejoice in the art of words
- entertain alternative perspectives
- learn new things
- understand people and things better
- identify misinformation
- correct misunderstandings
- be encouraged to ask new questions
- engage in critical thinking
- seek truth and receive wisdom
- broaden our expressive ranges
- become more considerate and tolerant
- relate more with others and the world
- develop and strengthen our empathy
- expand our imaginative capacities
- increase our interpretive capacities
- discover interests
- keep up with current events
- revisit history and learn from it
- prepare ourselves for changing times
- exercise our rights to read
- support the freedom of expression
- become better readers and persons
- teach others what we've learned
- gain and spread hope and inspiration

Reading *many different things by many different persons* can make these benefits *even more possible to achieve!*

Why? Consider the contrary (something called *confirmation bias*)...

If we *only* immersed ourselves in works *echoing our sentiments and supporting our suppositions*, we'd eventually be *missing out on potentially enlightening views and educational opportunities*. (Ironically, *if that were the case*, we might not even know that was happening!)

There's *no true bliss* in ignorance, but reading *feeds and frees a mind!*