

# Download How To Read Derrida How To Read

To read the works of Jacques Derrida and to literally understand his meaning is really a two step process. The first is to plow through the admittedly dense prose style of a critic who is overly fond of larding his pages with an infinity of classical allusions. In Derrida's view, texts and contexts are woven with inconsistencies and blindspots that provide us with a chance to think in new ways about, among other things, language, community, identity and forgiveness. Derrida's suggestions for 'how to read' lead to a new vision of ethics and a new concept of responsibility. Much like an introductory lecture for a new course, *How to Read Derrida* serves as an engaging, general overview of the many ideas examined by the great French philosopher Jacques Derrida (1930-2004) for those who will proceed into the actual works and words of the man. The final bit of that sentence is of utmost importance, as the nature of Derrida's works makes it crucial to tackle the actual documents head on in order to reach for a more proper understanding. "Logocentrism" is not the tyranny of Reason, as so many of both Derrida's critics and his defenders would have us believe, but is the tendency to read texts, especially those philosophical and literary works reflexively assumed to be great, as if their authors were simply speaking to us, pronouncing on whatever subject the text is presumed to ...