

Activity 12: Annotations – “What Is a Life Worth?”

Where does Ripley describe valuing life in legal or financial terms?	Where does Ripley describe valuing life in human and emotional terms?

→ Write a six-sentence summary of how the article describes how life is valued and people’s response to it.

Answer the following “Thinking Critically questions:

1. Most news articles such as “What is a Life Worth?” try to take an objective, unbiased approach. Would you agree that this text is unbiased, or do you think it favors one perspective? Explain your answer.
2. What kinds of evidence does Amanda Ripley, the author of the article, use to get across the key ideas and issues associated with the compensation of 9/11 victims and their families? Are any specific types of evidence more compelling to you as a reader?
Less compelling?
3. How well do you trust the accuracy of the information within the article? In other words, do you think that Time magazine and/or Amanda Ripley are to be trusted? Why or why not?
4. Does the article use logic and/or emotion to make and impact on the reader? Describe how and compare the use to the way logic and emotion are used by Shakespeare and/or Armstrong.