

Wirth Cross	Critical Theory Technique to Interpreting Tarot Cards				Reading Notes	
Card 1 <u>ASSERTION</u> For	Traditional Literary	Historical context		Artist's intentions		
		Biography of the deck creator	Expert opinion (tarot books)			
Card 2 <u>NEGATION</u> Against	Formalist/ Structuralist	What's contained within the four corners of the card	Close reading of the imagery (storytelling)	Structure and layout of card imagery (expressions, colors, directionality)		
Card 3 <u>DISCUSSION</u> Judge	Post- Structuralist	Go beyond the four corners of the card to derive meaning	Metaphysical correspondences (astrology, Kabbalah, Hermeticism, etc.)	Reader response factor (how a specific reader reacts to the imagery)		
Card 4 <u>SOLUTION</u> Sentence	Marxist	Class conflicts or social conditions portrayed		Understand the bargained-for exchange		
		Socioeconomic distinctions in the card imagery	Economic system or ideology expressed in the card imagery			
Card 5 <u>SYNTHESIS</u> Culmination	Cultural Materialist	Interpreting the card through the present-day zeitgeist				
		Relevance of the tarot archetype or archetypal constellation in real-time; reading the card imagery as a metaphor for today's culture and society				