

LITERARY CRITICISM AND *THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY*

What is "literary criticism"? **Literary criticism** is the evaluation, analysis, description, or interpretation of **literary** works. It is usually in the form of a critical essay, but in-depth book reviews can sometimes be considered **literary criticism**. **Criticism** may examine a particular **literary** work, or may look at an author's writings as a whole. (<http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/entry/48496>)

Collect the main idea from each excerpt discussing the story:

Excerpt Title	Main idea	Most important phrase (in your opinion)
Historical Context		
Critical Overview		
Themes in the Story	there are two ideas here	
The Universal Appeal of Walter Mitty		
Mrs. Mitty's Character		
Modern Man' As Represented in the Story		
Main Forms of Conflict Found in Fiction	there are four forms of conflict discussed. List them and give a brief description of them	