Azra:

The readings and the lecture are both about the rate of literature reading which has decreased. They believe different reasons as followed:

First of all, the author claim that literature is the most influential case on intellectual stimulation. He believes literature books raise our imaginations and develop our understanding. This point is challenged by the lecture. She says, literature is not the only material which is preparing the intellectual stimulation. Scientific, history, political analysis, etc. have high quality and provide it. ~~Furthermore, she believs literature books are not the only material effecting the culture~~

Secondly, the author states that, self-help books have been written contentlessly which have decreased general culture. On the other hand rebuts it. She suggest movies and music demonstrate the culture as well as possible and the culture has not been lowered.

Finally although the reading mention that the poor standards of today's readers is the result of readers' inattention, she states that the readers should not be blamed.