

READING LIKE A WRITER

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<p>“Instead of reading for content or to better understand the idea in the writing(which you will automatically do to some degree anyway), you are trying to understand how the piece of writing was put together by the author and what you can learn about writing by reading a particular text..”</p>	<p>I never thought of or felt the desire to want to understand how a piece of writing was put together. Well, at least not until now.</p>
<p>“Would certain readers (say Democrats or liberals_ appreciate an essay that started with a quote from {resident Obama better than other readers (say Republicans or conserbatives_? What would be the advantages and disadvantages of starting with a quote from a less divisive person? What about starting with a quote from someone more divisive?”</p>	<p>I find this interesting as I never considered this about using quotes and how it can easily become a conflict of interest if your listeners don't like or appreciate the person you're quoting. Hence, losing your audience and failing to get your thoughts and ideas across to your listeners effectively, without facing ridicule or judgement that can affect your credibility and influence as a speaker.</p>
<p>“Another important thing to consider before reading is the genre of the text. Genre means a few different things in college English classes, but it's most often used to indicate the type of writing: a poem, a newspaper article, an essay, a short story, a novel, a legal brief, an instruction manual, etc, Because the conventions for each genre can be very different(who ever heard of a 900-page newspaper article?)”</p>	<p>I never gave this any thought or realized that writing has a genre but after this revelation, I think and say to myself, "well, duh, goofball (lol), song writing is a genre and you're a songwriter". I now conscientiously know, see and recognize the difference, as it's always been there. I've always been able to read something without a title, outside of it median and know what kind of writing it is or even if listening to someone else, read it out loud, I know what it is they are reading.</p>