

## **Guiding Questions for Reading Like a Writer**

### **Think about these questions before reading:**

- What is the author's purpose for this piece of writing?
- Who is the intended audience for this piece of writing?

### **Think about these questions as you are reading:**

- How does the writer reveal the main idea? How does the writer's choice of ideas affect the reader?
- How does the writer pull us in and make us want to read more?
- What kinds of beginnings and endings does the writer use?
- What techniques does the writer use for sequencing?
- How does the writer demonstrate passion for the topic? How does the writer reveal emotions?
- What techniques does the writer use to make the word choice more effective? OR How does the author use word choice to make the writing more memorable or effective?
- How effective is the language the writer uses? Too formal? Too informal? Perfectly appropriate?

### **Remember to Annotate and Read Closely:**

- Read with a pen or highlighter in hand
- Make comments in the margins
- Write yourself notes and summaries
- Look for patterns

### **Underline and highlight the passage in the text itself and ask yourself:**

- ✓ What is the technique the author is using here?
- ✓ Is this technique effective?
- ✓ What would be the advantages and disadvantages if I tried this same technique in my own writing?