

Guiding Questions for Reading Like a Writer

Before reading:

1. What are the parts of this text? How are they marked or identified?
2. What does the structure of the text tell you about its audience?
3. What does the author want to accomplish? How do you know?
4. What do you expect from this text?
5. What do you know about the context (time period, place, circumstances) in which this text was written?
6. Have you ever written a text like this? Could you?

During reading:

1. Does your view of what the author wants to accomplish change as you read? If so, how?
2. Does the text indicate the audience for which it is intended? If so, how?
3. How would you describe the degree of formality in the language of this text?
4. How does the author support claims made in this text?
5. What strategies does this author use to connect the parts of this text?
6. What works especially well in this text?
7. What questions remain when you finish reading?