

Reading Like a Writer with Patricia Charpentier

What do you think are some of the different purposes for reading?

What do you think reading like a writer is?

What is close reading?

How do you practice close reading?

- 1. Examine the outside of the book before ever open it**

- 2. Examine front matter in the book**

3. Read slowly

4. Ask yourself what is happening in the section of text you're reading.

5. Ask what is the author trying to tell you

6. Pay attention to your response to what you are reading

7. Is there a line, paragraph or section you particularly like or dislike? Why?

8. What is the author doing in his/her writing?

9. Take notes in the book, underline, highlight passages

10. Look up definitions of unfamiliar words

Ten steps to reading like a writer

1. Visually look at the text and get a sense of the author's style

2. Read the text initially for the story

3. Note passages, sentences, phrases that impact you in some way

4. Identify the basics of the story/scene/section

5. Return to most important passages and read them more carefully

6. Look for the structure of the passage

7. Identify writing devices the author is using and find examples of each

8. Determine how the author is using these devices

9. Look for a theme in the book, passage, scene

10. Apply what you see to your own work
