Swanson, English 1A  
**Close Reading Exercise**  
**KWL+**

1. **K:** What do you already know about (insert topic here)?

2. **W:** What do you want/need to know? What are you confused about?

3. Preview the passage
Think about any gaps you might have in your knowledge
- What other topics are similar or different and what general ideas might you seek to understand
- What specific points do you want to know more about?
- What are you interested in discovering?

4. **Begin think-aloud activity**
While I was reading, how did I do?: (put and X in the appropriate column)

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L: What did you learn?
After reading the text, record new discoveries about:
- What does (insert topic here) mean?
- Ideas from the think-aloud exercise
- The general topic
- Main points/important facts

+: What more...?
Record any remaining impressions or reactions to the text including:
- Personal reactions (did you feel angry, sad, enlightened, or did you agree or disagree with the author)
- Questions (is something still unclear? Do you want more information on the topic?)