As I read, highlight the thesis in the intro, topic sentences in the body paragraphs, and the MOST IMPORTANT sentence in the conclusion. Also circle or underline any words you need to look up and define after I’m done reading.

After I read, discuss the following aspects of this article:

1. Organization: how are paragraphs structured? What do you notice about length and progression?
2. Style: look at how syntax and diction impact the way the author presents his argument.
3. Voice: what makes this author’s personality shine through? How can you do that in a timed write while still presenting your arguments formally and appropriately for the assignment?

Reflection (journal assignment, 5 min):

How can you take what you discussed today regarding this article and apply it to your own academic writing based on what you know about yourself as a writer?