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**Different Perspectives and Understanding of Literature**

Key points from “How to Read Like a Writer” by Mike Bunn

In “Reading Like a Writer”, Mike Bunn brought up amazing points about a writer’s perspective and techniques. Mr.Bunn even states his thought process and how he improved his writing. Mr.Bunn begins talking about reading books in the back of the theater with a flashlight during his younger days when working. He states how the area was distracting to the point that he would reread paragraphs, which led to him pondering the writer’s flow and style. Once he applied others' styles to his work, Mr.Bunn noticed his writing and how to improve it. Of course, he doesn’t end it there but talks about certain choices that can be deduced in literature and how just changing one sentence can change the course of the entire book. Mr.Bunn even brings up “Say you’re reading an essay in class that begins with a short quote from President Barack Obama about the war in Iraq. And here is where we get to the most important part: Would you want to try this technique in your own writing?" (p.73). This quote stands out the most for me because it gives a great example of how to question a piece of literature. Mr.Bunn starts to throw out ideas about if the quote President Obama gave would it bore his audience. He even states what it would be like if there was no beginning quote. It also shows how books don’t only show what is written but what could have been written if different choices were taken.