Guiding Questions for Reader and Task Considerations

1. Is the content of this text age appropriate?

2. What aspects of the text will likely pose the most challenge for my students?
   - Meaning of content or theme?
   - Text structure?
   - Language features?
   - Knowledge and experience demands?
   - Motivation for and interest in the text?

3. What Common Core State Standards should I focus on when teaching this text?
   - What are natural areas of focus for this text?
     - What are the key student understandings of the text?
     - What academic vocabulary is essential for understanding the text?
     - What opportunities are there to study syntax and/or fluency?
   - With what standards do my students need the most practice?

4. What supports do I need to provide so that all of my students (even those who are struggling readers) can access the text?

5. How best can I use this text with my students? Interactive read aloud? Read along? Group work? Independent study?