

Figure 4.1

Ready for Close Reading

- What is my purpose for today's reading?
- What useful information can I get from the title and cover illustration to help me as I read? (Important words? Details in the picture?)
- Does this text look like it's *probably* literary or informational? What makes me think this?
- If it's literary what do I expect to find?
- If it's informational what do I expect to find?
- Can I tell anything about the genre? What genre characteristics could I look for?
- What do I know about this topic?
- Do I know anything about this author?
- Are there pictures or other graphics that will help me understand? How?
- How will I keep track of my evidence?
- How will I make sure I understand as I read?
- Where should I stop to check my understanding (a few checkpoints)?
- Does it look like there might be some hard words? How will I handle hard words?
- Is there anything about the way the author has organized this text that will make it easier (or harder) to read? (Maybe there are bold words, subheadings, a table of contents, graphics, etc.)
- Will I need to read this text slowly in order to understand it, or does it look pretty easy? Why?

Which "Ready to Read" point(s) above look the most helpful for this text? Why?