

## Questioning the Author

### **Purpose:**

To make students wary of the possibility of a fallible author; to allow students to examine a text not just for content, but for how the text was written.

### **Procedure:**

1. Have students read one to two paragraphs of text.
2. Ask them to answer the following questions:
  - What is the author trying to tell you?
  - Why is the author telling you that?
  - Does the author say it clearly?
  - How could the author have said things more clearly?
  - What would you say instead?
3. Discuss the students' responses.