

In-class Activity: Style: The Secret to Becoming a Successful Writer

Instructions: Read a paragraph of your peer's work. Check for:

- 1. Clarity. Are there clear subjects and verbs? Are the words appropriately specific and concrete?*
- 2. Brevity. Is every word or phrase necessary? Can some words be omitted?*
- 3. Correctness. Check for accurate usage and syntax (word order), including punctuation.*
- 4. Elegance. What is the most beautiful sentence and why? Can you help your peer write an elegant sentence if one cannot be identified?*