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- motivate young writers;
- see the importance modeling plays in building young writers (modeling from both the teacher and from real-world text);
- understand how providing choice elevates adolescent writing (and how to allow for choice within a rigorous curriculum);
- help students recognize the importance of purpose and audience;
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