**CRITICAL READING**

**REMEMBER**: Certain questions are easier and/or faster to answer. Instead of answering the questions sequentially, consider which questions you’re more likely to answer quickly and correctly.

**“Foes”**

-**Inferential** (“suggests,” “best illustrates,” “most likely”)

-**Cross-over questions** that compare Passage 1 with Passage 2 (these are often inferential as well – a double whammy!) – for example, “How would the critics in Passage 1 most likely respond to the students mentioned in Line 4-10 of Passage 2?”

-**Triple Statements** – not as common, but time consuming.

-**LEAST/EXCEPT** – time consuming, but you can still find evidence to rule out the other answers.

**“Friends”**

**-Vocabulary in Context :** (in line \_\_\_, the word “\_\_\_” most nearly means..) – if you are short on time, these can be answered without reading the whole passage

-**Pinpointable** (gives you the line # where the answer is) – go back and pinpoint your answer to ensure accuracy

-**Fact questions** (“according to the passage” or “according to the author”)

-**Main Idea/Author’s Purpose** – Read the italics, topic sentences, and last sentence in the passage. This can be done quickly if time is short, so these are “go to” questions.