Possible Questions to Consider when Reflecting on an Essay or Talk

- What was the author's main point? What type of evidence did they have to back it up?
- Do you agree or disagree with the arguments or opinions of the piece? Why or why not? Can you see the author's point of view? Is there an equally valid opposing point of view?
- Do you see elements of your own life experiences reflected in the piece? How so or why do you think not?
- Was there anything in the piece that you found surprising? Anything that you thought was cliche?
- What did you learn from the piece? How has this piece changed your opinion on the topic? What effects might this piece have on your future?