

FIGURE 1.4 Unpacking the Text

Questions to Consider When Reading for Critical Comprehension

- Whose perspective is included?
- Are there perspectives that were not included?
- Whose voice is heard?
- Whose voice is not heard?
- How do the different perspectives advantage some individuals and groups?
- How do the different perspectives disadvantage some individuals and groups?
- Whose story/voice is missing or misrepresented?
- What issues are being explored in the text?
- How/why do the issues being explored in the text present a problem or difficulty?
- How does the setting influence the story and the view or perspective I am offered?
- How do past causes that led to the event or idea in the story influence the view I am given?
- How does the social and political climate of the time period, or what is going on in the world and in my community, influence the view I am given?
- How can I use information from reading and talking about the text to inspire me to take action?
- What more can I read or research to give me other perspectives to consider?