**Close and Critical Reading—Student Copy**

**Theme: Tenacity, innovation, and creativity move us beyond surviving to thriving.**

**What does the text say? (Briefly summarize the article “Closing the Innovation Gap” at the literal level.)**

**How does it say it? In other words, how does the author develop the text to convey his/her purpose? (What are the genre, format, organization, features, etc.?)**

**What does the text mean? (What message/theme/concept is the author trying to get across?)**

**So what? (What does the message/theme/concept mean in your life and/or in the lives of others? Why is it worth sharing/telling? What significance does it have to your life and/or to the lives of others?**