

Literary Text

Making Inferences about a Time Period in "A Century Ride"

Compare writing style of the late 1800s to modern writing.

Make inferences about culture and values.

Use context to figure out the meanings of unfamiliar words.

Symbols in Moby-Dick

Analyze an author's choice of how to begin a chapter of a novel.

Analyze symbols in a text and infer their meaning.

Draw conclusions from a text excerpt about the theme of a novel.

Characterization, Theme, and Irony in "The Gift of the Magi"

Analyze the use of irony in a story.

Determine a story's theme.

Use text evidence to make inferences about characters.

Overcoming Obstacles: Word Choice in Heart of a Samurai

Analyze how word choice and pacing add excitement to a story.

Examine how word choice conveys historical context.

Understand the purpose of a cliffhanger in a story.

Word Choice and Extended Metaphor in a Poem by Maya Angelou

Analyze the tone of a poem.

Interpret the use of extended metaphor.

Interpret the use of literal, figurative, and connotative meaning in poetry.

Fitzgerald and the Roaring Twenties

Describe the plot in the first chapter of a novel.

Examine the role of setting and cite evidence of its impact on a story.

Make inferences from a story's setting.

Introduction to Individuality and Conformity: "Initiation"

Analyze characterization in a short story.

Examine elements of plot structure in order to interpret an implied resolution.

Interpret different types of conflict in a story.

Mood and Narrative Techniques in "Lather and Nothing Else"

Analyze a protagonist's internal conflict.

Analyze how the pace of narration can create suspense.

Evaluate how word choice sets the scene and creates mood.



Unit Lesson Dejectives

Understanding Suspense in a Mystery: "Object Lesson"

Explore how characters solve a mystery.

Identify how authors build suspense in stories.

Understand how suspense affects readers.

The Mississippi River Runaways

Analyze an author's use of dialogue and dialect to portray characters and establish setting.

Cite examples of satire, irony, and sarcasm in a realist text.

Critique the author's use of humor to convey intent and viewpoint.

Southern Gothic

Analyze the characterization in a Southern gothic text.

Cite examples of irony in a story.

Interpret figures of speech in a story.

Critiques of American Society in Science Fiction

Analyze how an author uses irony and satire in science fiction.

Examine the impact of character development in a story.

Generate questions to interpret societal messages in science fiction.

Interpreting a Source Text: A Production of *Trifles*

Analyze multiple interpretations of a drama.

Compare and contrast the text of a drama to an audio production.

Evaluate how a recording interprets the source text of a drama.

Pursuing the Dream as a Central Idea in Poetry

Compare the messages of two different poems.

Determine the central idea of a poem.

Identify figurative language.

Female Colonial Poetry

Analyze the author's choice of words and how they are used in context.

Analyze the rhyme scheme in a poem.

Compare and contrast themes of two texts.

Informational Text

Asian American Voices

Analyze how central ideas are built in an essay.

Make inferences about a text and cite evidence to support the analysis.

Summarize the central ideas in an essay.



Making Inferences in a Text about the Iditarod

Draw conclusions based on inferences.

Make inferences during and after reading based on what is implicitly stated in a text.

Make, verify, and refute predictions while reading an informational text.

American Indian Issues

Assess the impact of tone on the meaning of a text.

Determine the central ideas in a speech.

Summarize a speech and analyze how its message reflects cultural views.

The Declaration of Independence

Analyze how the structure of a text contributes to its purpose.

Evaluate the effectiveness of reasoning in a seminal US text.

Examine the historical significance of a primary-source document.

Synthesizing Ideas in an Informational Text

Interpret information from charts and graphs.

Synthesize information from different formats.

Understand chronological order in a nonfiction text.

Analyzing Procedural Text

Analyze the purpose of procedural writing.

Explore the steps in a process.

Write a recipe based on a procedural framework.

Cause and Effect in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Cite textual details as evidence.

Identify causal relationships.

Sequence events to explain cause and effect.

Problem-Solution Structure and Tone in an Informational Text

Analyze how an author creates tone.

Identify signal words in the problem-solution structure.

Interpret problem-solution text structure.

Context Clues and Inferences in The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone

Determine causes and effects to understand a text.

Determine the meaning of technical language.

Make an inference about the message of a nonfiction text.

Evaluating an Argument on Healthy Eating

Evaluate an author's argument for its effectiveness.

Explain how an author supports an argument with reasons and evidence.

Identify and trace an author's argument.



A Look at the Fast-Food Industry by Eric Schlosser

Analyze how the author develops central ideas.

Critique the author's use of reasoning to support an argument.

Use academic language to make meaning of a text.

Analyzing a Claim in a Text about Edward Jenner

Assess the validity of the main claim of a text.

Identify the central idea of an informational text.

Identify the use of chronology in an informational text.

Argumentation in "The Girl Who Silenced the World for Five Minutes"

Distinguish fact from opinion.

Evaluate the reasoning of an argument.

Recognize the purpose of questioning.

Ordering the Chaos of the Contemporary World: An Introduction to Freakonomics

Analyze an argument for structure and logic.

Evaluate evidence in an argument.

Summarize central ideas in a text and analyze their development.

Evaluating an Argument and Questioning: The Code Book

Analyze how an author supports a claim.

Ask questions to improve comprehension.

Evaluate the effectiveness of a claim supported by details.

Abolition and Women's Rights Movements, Part 1

Analyze repetition and questioning as rhetorical devices in a speech.

Evaluate how an author structures reasoning within an argument.

Examine the historical significance of a speech.

Author's Purpose and Viewpoint in The Dark Game, Part 3

Analyze the impact of word choice on tone.

Determine the author's purpose and viewpoint.

Recognize the controlling idea in an informational text.

Text Structure in an Informational Text

Make connections between supporting text and the main text.

Recognize the purpose of a text's organizational pattern.

Use text organization to extract central ideas.

Evaluating Different Media about Food Safety

Compare how a video and text present similar information.

Evaluate information in a video.

Identify main ideas and key details through listening and reading.



Writing Workshop: Visual Media Analysis

Create a five-paragraph media analysis essay.

Examine and identify a variety of persuasive media techniques.

Revise writing for ideas, use of source materials, and organization.

Write a media analysis paragraph.

Brown v. Board of Education

Analyze reasoning in a Supreme Court opinion.

Apply background knowledge of the US Constitution and segregation policies in twentieth-century America to a text.

Evaluate the premises, purposes, and arguments in a seminal US text.

Thomas Paine

Analyze rhetorical technique and cite evidence to support its effectiveness.

Examine the purpose of a text through the author's choice of language.

Interpret figurative language to make meaning of a text.