Analysis of Text

5 Easy Steps

Record

Observe

Infer

Interpret

Conclude

Record **Record** references of what the author has actually said in the text

Observe Make **observations** with no judgement or interpretation: just what you see

Infer List anything the author implies or alludes to: what is he/ she really trying to say?

Interpret Describe what you take away from the text: what is your personal explanation?

Conclude Draw a conclusion based on this text and your interpretation of it.

Phase 1… remember this?

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| Reference | Inference |
| Record what the text says  Make observations, not judgements | State what the author implies  Make sense out of what the author is trying to say |

Phase 2… are you mastering this?

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| Reference | Inference | Interpretation |
|  |  | Add your comment based on your inferences  Add your connection based on the inferences  Put yourself in the place of the character  OR  Comprehend the issue/ discussion from the author’s point of view |

Step 3… but are you seeing this?

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| Reference | Inference | Interpretation |
| What does it say? | What does it mean? | What does it matter? |

Step 4… and using all of these tools?

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| Reference | Inference | Interpretation |
| What does it say?  Record references  Make Observations | What does it mean?  Infer what is not stated  Create a comment  Make a connection | What does it matter?  Interpret the importance  Draw a conclusion |

Figurative Language

* Represents something that is not really there
* Creates a word picture to convey meaning

Metaphor

* The item/ thing that represents a deeper, more meaningful concept to the author
* The key to understanding the complete word picture the author intended

Simile

* Comparisons using that use similarities to draw a word picture
* Looking for the words “like” and “as” do not necessarily draw a word picture.

Personification

* Human-like traits that bring metaphors and images to life

Hyperbole

* Exaggerations that compel the word picture

Allusion

* References to other texts, social mores or cultural concepts most readers can identify