

or
'Throughout' Be sure
to underline
it!
In TITLE, AUTHOR

Just the
last name
is fine.

VERB

WHAT to VERB that **WHY.**

obvious text
features, plot
content or
authorial choice,
not a complete
thought (a fragment or
list)

- suggest
- convey
- demonstrate
- illustrate
- imply
- warn
- expose
- assert

- introduces
- makes use of
- emphasizes
- deploys
- utilizes
- presents
- exposes
- renders
- contrasts

- ☐ complete thought
- ☐ THEME (universal)
- ☐ meaning of the work as a whole
- ☐ 0% plot
- ☐ no personal 1st or 2nd person pronouns (e.g., I, me, we, us, our, you)
- ☐ structured as a complex sentence (try starting with a subordinating conjunction)
- ☐ no commands (imperatives)
- ☐ no clichés

for
**OPEN
PROMPTs**
about **THEME** and
the **MEANING** of a
literary work as a whole

Subordinating Conjunctions

Here are two ways to build a complex sentence:

→ SC CLAUSE, CLAUSE.

→ CLAUSE SC CLAUSE.

- after
- although
- as
- as if
- as long as
- as much as
- as soon as
- as though
- because
- before
- by the time
- even if
- even though
- if
- in order that
- in case
- in the event that
- lest
- now that
- once
- only
- only if
- provided that
- since
- so
- supposing
- that
- than
- though
- till
- unless
- until, when
- whenever
- where
- whereas
- wherever
- whether or not
- while

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with using these.

In TITLE, AUTHOR VERB

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- introduces
- contrasts
- characterizes
- deploys
- utilizes
- presents
- repeats
- exposes
- renders
- chooses to

FEATURE to VERB **EFFECT** and VERB **EFFECT**.

obvious text feature, authorial choice, not a complete thought (a fragment, phrase, or list)

- achieve
- acknowledge
- address
- challenge
- characterize
- confront
- critique
- denounce

- enhance
- evoke
- heighten
- highlight
- reflect
- sustain
- underscore

characterization
tone / mood
theme

for **COMMENTARY**
("feature → effect")
prompts that ask you to analyze how an author's choices impact something like tone or meaning