Literary Analysis
WHOLE-WORK
Analysis — THESIS FRAME

OR Throughout

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In **TEXT** ,

AUTHOR **VERB**s **WHAT**

LPT verbs like makes use of, employs, utilizes, deploys, includes, juxtaposes, symbolizes...

to VERB that **WHY**

AUTHORIAL CHOICES: literary elements, specific terminology, notable features

by VERBing **HOW**.

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EFFECT verbs in present-progressive form like **contrasting, emphasizing, exploring, illustrating, foiling, connecting...**

your BROAD SUMMARY of how the author pulled it all off — tease your evidence!

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- ⊗ no commands imperatives
- ⊗ no clichés

some of the
✱ subordinating conjunctions

- 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

SC CLAUSE , CLAUSE .

CLAUSE SC CLAUSE .

→ Each clause should be a complete thought with a subject and a verb.

- provided that
- since
- so
- supposing
- that
- than
- though
- till

- unless
- until, when
- whenever
- where
- whereas
- wherever
- whether or not
- while

for Highlighting & Emphasizing

- Address
- Emphasize
- Express
- Highlight
- Illustrate
- Magnify
- Verify

for Creating & Building

- Construct
- Create
- Develop
- Depict
- Designate
- Detail
- Elaborate (on)
- Enable
- Enhance
- Enrich
- Foreshadow
- Generate
- Manifest
- Portray
- Present
- Produce
- Represent
- Shape
- Showcase
- Symbolize

for Comparing & Contrasting

- Compare
- Contrast
- Foil
- Juxtapose
- Integrate
- Link
- Separate

for Supporting & Reinforcing

- Affirm
- Allow (for)
- Confirm
- Foster
- Legitimize
- Promote
- Qualify
- Reaffirm
- Reinforce
- Strengthen
- Support

for Questioning & Challenging

- Criticize
- Debunk
- Deconstruct
- Demand
- Disprove
- Expose
- Examine
- Insist
- Interrogate
- Obscure
- Probe
- Question
- Refute
- Ridicule
- Scrutinize
- Undermine
- Vilify
- Weaken

for Connecting & Relating

- Allude (to)
- Associate
- Connect
- Relate
- Refer (to)
- Invoke

for Explaining & Clarifying

- Articulate
- Clarify
- Define
- Describe
- Delineate
- Demonstrate
- Elucidate
- Explain
- Reveal
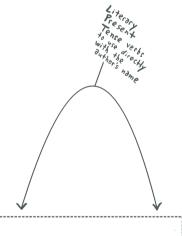- Interpret
- Show
- Summarize

for Highlighting Specifics

- Specify
- Point (out)
- Identify
- Note
- Articulate

to Cause & Induce

- Compel
- Invoke
- Provoke
- Raise
- Stimulate
- Trigger
- Warn

for Theme / Purpose

- Acknowledge
- Argue
- Assert
- Claim
- Convey
- Demonstrate
- Illustrate
- Imply
- Show
- Suggest
- Warn

Literary Present Tense verbs to use directly with the author's name

INFORMATIONAL

- Utilizes
- Summarizes
- States
- Relates
- Refers (to)
- Provides
- Points (out)
- Personifies
- Mentions
- Lists
- Includes
- Explains
- Describes
- Asks
- Articulates
- Alludes (to)
- Addresses
- Adds

LITERARY

- Uses
- Places
- Makes use of
- Employs
- Deploys

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