

Reading a Text: Think About...*Ideas*

- What are the ideas that drive the text forward?
- What attitude or tone does the writer adopt towards that idea?

Imagery

- Which images most stand out?
- What do the images suggest?
- What mood or tone do they evoke?
- Are any images related or connected to each other?
- Is something being compared to something else and if so why?
- What is the overall effect of the image?

Individual Words

- Unpick the images: how do the words within it contribute to the overall image?
- Are any words repeated?
- Why did the writer use that word and not another related word?
- What does a specific word suggest and what effect does it have?

Poetic Form

- How is the poem organised into stanzas?
- Does the poem have a rhyme scheme?
- Is it a particular form like a sonnet?
- What effect do these choices have?

Analytical verbs...

Creates	Presents
Evokes	Conveys
Illustrates	Suggests
Implies	Reveals
Portrays	Insinuates
Highlights	Explores
Establishes	Develops

Sentence Stems

Try to incorporate these sentence stems into your essays to upgrade your analysis.

- Just as...so too...
- This sense of Y is further suggested/augmented/compounded by...
- When considering X one is struck by...
- Pressing upon...
- Similar to the way in which / In much the same way that...
- While it is true that....one could also argue...
- This suggests/indicates/implies/insinuates X because...