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...

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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...