

SIFTT Analysis

Analyzing Symbolism, Imagery, Figures of Speech, Tone, and Thesis

Author and Title: _____

Symbolism

TEXT General example	ANALYSIS Suggestion or Representation	EVIDENCE FOR ANALYSIS Specific example from text to support analysis

Pick the most significant example of symbolism. Explain why the symbol is so important to the story's characterization or theme. Include specific examples to support your analysis, and be sure to make inferences about the author's purpose in including such symbolism.

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Imagery

SENSES	TEXT General examples	TEXT Specific, significant examples (Look for repetitive images which connect with characters, theme, or author's purpose)	ANALYSIS and EXPLANATION *What are the effects of the image? *How does imagery develop the characterization or theme? *How does imagery contribute to the author's purpose?
Visual (sight)			
Auditory (hearing)			
Olfactory (smell)			
Tactile (touch)			
Gustatory (taste)			

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Figures of Speech

Type Simile, metaphor, analogy, allusion, personification, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, pun	Example (Look for repetitive images which connect with characters, theme, or author's purpose)	Analysis *What are the effects of the image? *How does imagery develop the characterization or theme? *How does imagery contribute to the author's purpose?

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Tone

Excerpt:

- a. What is the author's attitude toward _____?
- b. Fill out the chart below to show how you know the above-listed attitude.

Element of Tone	Example	Attitude communicated	Explanation of why/how
Diction / Figurative Language			
Detail			
Imagery			
Syntax			

On the back, revise the above excerpt in order to change the tone. Include a chart which analyzes how the tone changes, and why.

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Theme

Summarize the story. (What happens?)

List the significant subjects which emerge in the summary.

Write a sentence about each subject listed. Base your insights on the information gained from analyzing symbolism, imagery, figurative language, and tone.
