

Text Analysis Using Forms of Literary Criticism

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

1. Using the psychological approach to criticism, analyze what the author or character's emotions/thoughts/behaviors reveal about his/her personality and motivations.
2. Provide textual evidence to support your analysis.
3. Use the biographical criticism approach to explain one way in which the author's background and personal life may have influenced his/her choices in writing this piece. (Note: background information or research information needed.)
4. Provide textual evidence to support your analysis.
5. Identify and interpret an archetypal symbol present in the story.

6. Identify an archetypal character in the story, and describe the archetype.
7. Think of an archetypal character that you could imagine added to the story for increased interest, a twist, or even a comical touch (if appropriate). Explain the role of this character in the story.
8. If you were a critic, which approach or combination of approaches to criticism would you most likely take and why?
9. With a **formalistic approach**, identify two literary devices in the piece. Quote the text that contains the device.
10. With the **reader's response approach** to literary criticism, the reader looks for his/her text-to-self connections. Describe one way in which this piece of literature relates to your life and experiences.