

Text Analysis- an introduction

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What is it?



- An in-depth discussion of a text (that could be in many genres) that **deconstructs the text** as a whole, and makes sense of the **parts**. Include a discussion of why certain elements are used and **how they contribute to the message of the whole piece**. What does it really say? **How** does it do this?

Sample Process

- Start out with a **summary**
- Isolate the author's **thesis**/judgment – What is he really trying to prove?
- Make your own judgment of the author's goal based on this. Argue that the text should be read in a certain way (you decide what way!) Come up with a **tentative thesis**.
- Provide reasonable **support** FROM THE TEXT to prove your argument
- Conclude by restating your thesis – say why it matters. Say something about the **implications of your findings**.