

A Basic Understanding of the Literary Analysis--7th Grade

The literary analysis enables you to examine your novel just as a literary critic would and helps you to see how the author practices his/her craft. You will be required to complete three literary analyses of some type this school year to be scored as a major grade. This is not a book report...you are not simply stating the events of the novel. You are analyzing the piece for the specific literary elements that pertain to the genre you are reading. Your literary analyses will be due the beginning of the second, third, and fourth nine weeks (exact dates will be given later). This analysis will take time to be done successfully, and it is my recommendation that you work on it throughout the nine weeks as you read. You will have a choice as to which genre you read each nine weeks; however, you may not repeat genres. The first book you read is reader's choice, followed by current Lone Star selections, and ending the year with a classic. Each nine weeks, your book must be approved by me at least one week in advance of the due date in order for you to receive full credit. I will sign your question sheet if I have approved your novel. The list below contains the genres you may choose from:

- Realistic Fiction or Historical Fiction
- Fantasy or Science Fiction
- Humor or Adventure
- Mystery or Suspense/Thriller

Remember: Make sure you keep track of what you read as credit will not be given for a genre that is repeated. The questions for each genre will be available in the classroom, or you can print a copy from my website. When you turn in your answers, you will attach the appropriate questions. Remember that if my signature approving your book is not on the questions, you will not receive full credit! It will be your responsibility to choose a book each nine weeks that is appropriate for 7th graders.

When completing the analysis, make sure to answer each question in complete sentences. It is not necessary to write the questions. Because the analysis is a major grade, it must be typed or written in ink on one side of the paper only. It is also important to thoroughly answer each question, which will include direct support from the novel (quotes) for several of the questions.

Important Information Regarding Your Literary Analysis:

- The book must have at least 250 pages.
- Each answer must be written in complete sentences.
- The book title must be underlined OR italicized.
- Make at least one connection between the author's background and the book.
- The stated genre needs to be specific (just fiction won't cut it).
- The author's purpose must be more specific than "to entertain." To entertain about what?
- The theme is an universal statement (a sentence) that can be applied to life.
- The theme must be explained. Give examples from the story proving the lesson learned.
- Setting includes BOTH time and place.
- Give more than just physical character traits. Think motivation and personality.
- Quotations and paraphrasing must be properly cited. (author's last name + page number)
- The book review should be your opinion, not a summary.
- Remember, it is ok to not like a book...just explain why. Do not rate the book!!! Follow the handout for how to write a book review.
- The book summary must state the ending of the novel.
- Conflicts must include all 4 things—description, type, who it involves, and the resolution.
- Cite ALL sources used!!! Every time you use information from an outside source (paraphrased or quoted), it MUST be documented with parenthetical documentation (author's last name + page number) within that answer, in addition to the full MLA citation included for those sources AND your novel for the last question of the analysis.

Sample Book Review

In his review of Lois Lowry's *The Giver*, Jamell Baker focuses on an important change in the main character's life.

Better Safe Than Sorry?

----- Imagine a "safe" world with no muggings, stealing, or war. Would you like to move there? What if this place didn't let you make your own choices? Would you still want to go? This is the world where Jonas lives, the main character in Lois Lowry's science-fiction novel *The Giver*. He is quite satisfied with his world until he meets the Giver, and then everything changes.

Jonas's world is an eerie place where the Elders control everything. When a boy wants to get married, the elders choose his wife. When a girl needs new clothes, the Elders give her a uniform. When a family needs food, the elders choose the items. Worst of all, when someone turns 12, the Elders assign the person a job—for life! Now that's spooky.

Jonas is pretty happy in this world. Then, when he turns 12, the Elders make him the next Receiver of Memory. His job is to remember lessons from the past when people made their own choices. The Giver is Jonas's teacher. He shows Jonas people in the past making bad choices that led to fighting and hate. But he also shows people making good choices that led to fun with friends, family parties, and love.

----- Jonas has to choose between his safe, controlled world or a riskier world in which he must live with his own choices. The Giver informs Jonas that the only "safe" people in the Elders' world are the ones they think are useful. "Useless" people are usually killed. In the end, Jonas can choose which world to live in because the Giver taught him what living is really all about.

BEGINNING

The opening lines set the scene for the rest of the review.

MIDDLE

Specific examples from the novel support the focus.

ENDING

The reviewer suggests the outcome, but doesn't give it away.

Finding an Idea

This list of ideas for reviews is arranged according to the four main elements of literature: *plot*, *characterization*, *setting*, and *theme*. If you choose from these ideas and enhance them, you will be on your way to writing a well-developed book review.

Plot

The action of the story

- How is suspense built into the story? (Consider the important events leading up to the climax.)
- The climax (the most important event) changes the story in an effective way . . . in a believable way . . . in an unbelievable way.
- The ending is surprising . . . predictable . . . unbelievable.
- Are there any twists or reversals in the plot? (What do they add to the story?)

Characterization

The people or animals in a story

- The main character changes from _____ to _____ by the end of the story.
- Certain forces or circumstances—people, setting, events, or ideas—make the main character or characters act as they do.
- _____ is the main character's outstanding personality trait.
- I can identify with the main character when . . .
- What if the main character had (or hadn't) . . .

Setting

The time and place of the story

- The setting helps make the story exciting.
- The setting has an important effect on the main character.
- The setting (in a historical novel) has increased my knowledge of a certain time in history.
- The setting (in a science-fiction novel) creates a new and exciting world.

Theme

The author's statement or lesson about life

- Ambition . . . jealousy . . . greed . . . happiness . . . peer pressure . . . is clearly a theme in (title of book).
- This book showed me what it is like to be . . .
- The moral "Don't judge a book by its cover," "Haste makes waste," "d work pays off," . . . is developed in (title of book).

Finding an Idea

Literary Analysis – Realistic Fiction—7th Grade

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3. Which specific genre of realistic fiction best describes your book? Explain. (teen drama, sports fiction, etc.)
4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
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3. What period of history is this book written about? (Civil War, Revolutionary War) Explain how you know.
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5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
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8. Does the author's description of the historical information seem accurate? Explain and support with quotes (properly cited).
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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. Explain three elements in the book that make it science fiction.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
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Literary Analysis – Humor—7th Grade

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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. Explain how the author's style makes the book humorous (think DIDLS).
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Explain one part in the book to which you could relate. Why do you relate to this?
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Literary Analysis – Adventure—7th Grade

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3. Give three examples of plot that support your assertion that this book is an adventure. Explain each.
4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Explain at least one part in the book to which you can relate. Tell why you relate to this part.
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Literary Analysis – Mystery—7th Grade

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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. What is the problem that had to be solved? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Who were the suspects in the book? Why were they suspects?
9. Explain some of the clues the author gave you along the way to help you solve the mystery.
10. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
11. Give a summary of this book.
12. Give a review of this book. Support your opinions. (Not a summary). Follow the handout for writing a book review. **DO NOT RATE THE BOOK!!!**
13. Did you guess the correct solution before you reached the end of the story? Why or why not?
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Literary Analysis – Suspense/Thriller—7th Grade

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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. What are three major events that cause suspense? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
9. Give at least 5 examples of the author's word choice that causes fear within readers. Explain the connotation/denotation of each.
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3. Which specific genre of realistic fiction best describes your book? Explain. (teen drama, sports fiction, etc.)
4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
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4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
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8. Does the author's description of the historical information seem accurate? Explain and support with quotes (properly cited).
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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. Explain three elements in the book that make it a fantasy. Give details.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
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3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. Explain how the author's style makes the book humorous (think DIDLS).
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Explain one part in the book to which you could relate. Why do you relate to this?
9. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
10. Give a summary of this book.
11. Give a review of this book. Support your opinions. (Not a summary). Follow the handout for writing a book review. **DO NOT RATE THE BOOK!!!**
12. Write the work cited/bibliography for your chosen book and any other sources you used to complete this project using MLA style. You may find the following website helpful!
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Literary Analysis – Adventure—7th Grade

Respond to the following questions and prompts thoroughly for the book you are reading. It is imperative that each section be answered completely. Refer to the instructions on how to complete this analysis, which should be in your binder. Respond on a separate piece of paper and number your responses according to this list. You do not need to write out each question.

1. What is the book's title? Is this title appropriate for this book? Why? Why not? Explain your answer with examples from the text.
2. Who is the author? Include background information on the author, when the book was written, and any additional information you think is relevant to the book's subject/time period/author's background. Relate the information you find about the author to some aspect of the story. **RESEARCH IS NECESSARY TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION!!!** Remember to cite any sources you have used to answer this question...even if you are only paraphrasing you **MUST** cite your source!
3. Give three examples of plot that support your assertion that this book is an adventure. Explain each.
4. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Explain at least one part in the book to which you can relate. Tell why you relate to this part.
9. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
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Literary Analysis – Suspense/Thriller—7th Grade

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1. What is the book's title? Is this title appropriate for this book? Why? Why not? Explain your answer with examples from the text.
2. Who is the author? Include background information on the author, when the book was written, and any additional information you think is relevant to the book's subject/time period/author's background. Relate the information you find about the author to some aspect of the story. **RESEARCH IS NECESSARY TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION!!!** Remember to cite any sources you have used to answer this question...even if you are only paraphrasing you **MUST** cite your source!
3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. What are three major events that cause suspense? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
9. Give at least 5 examples of the author's word choice that causes fear within readers. Explain the connotation/denotation of each.
10. Give a summary of this book.
11. Give a review of this book. Support your opinions. (Not a summary). Follow the handout for writing a book review. **DO NOT RATE THE BOOK!!!**
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Literary Analysis – Mystery—7th Grade

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1. What is the book's title? Is this title appropriate for this book? Why? Why not? Explain your answer with examples from the text.
2. Who is the author? Include background information on the author, when the book was written, and any additional information you think is relevant to the book's subject/time period/author's background. Relate the information you find about the author to some aspect of the story. **RESEARCH IS NECESSARY TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION!!!** Remember to cite any sources you have used to answer this question...even if you are only paraphrasing you **MUST** cite your source!
3. What was the author's purpose for writing this book? Explain.
4. What is the problem that had to be solved? Explain.
5. What is the theme of this book? Explain.
6. Describe the setting/s of this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
7. Describe the main characters in this book. Be sure to include quotes (properly cited) from the book.
8. Who were the suspects in the book? Why were they suspects?
9. Explain some of the clues the author gave you along the way to help you solve the mystery.
10. Describe two conflicts in this book, including a description of the conflict, the type of conflict, who it involved, and its resolution.
11. Give a summary of this book.
12. Give a review of this book. Support your opinions. (Not a summary). Follow the handout for writing a book review. **DO NOT RATE THE BOOK!!!**
13. Did you guess the correct solution before you reached the end of the story? Why or why not?
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