



Novel Tests: Analysis Samples

Especially to gauge length!



Float like a butterfly; sting like a bee.

- ▶ Stay focused on analysis (“The 6y elements”), and let the rest go.
 - ▶ Float to the next quote; sting the analysis; float to the next quote; sting the analysis; float to the next quote....
- ▶ This is a timed assessment and is scored as such.
 - ▶ If I can see the complexity, or if you imply a second literary device, I’ll give it to you. If you have a minor spelling or punctuation error, it won’t hurt your score.
- ▶ Remember to think of this as a “Racehorse Exam” – it is designed to assess that you can manage your time AND analyze deeply.
 - ▶ Part of the exam is your management of its design.



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Noteworthy: *The complexity in this analysis also comes in with the choice the literary devices, especially the analysis of symbolism and the clear connection of that analysis to the theme.*

Stats: 4 sentences; 83 words

Context

Analysis Verb

Literary Devices (2)

Evidence (2)

Author's name

Complexity

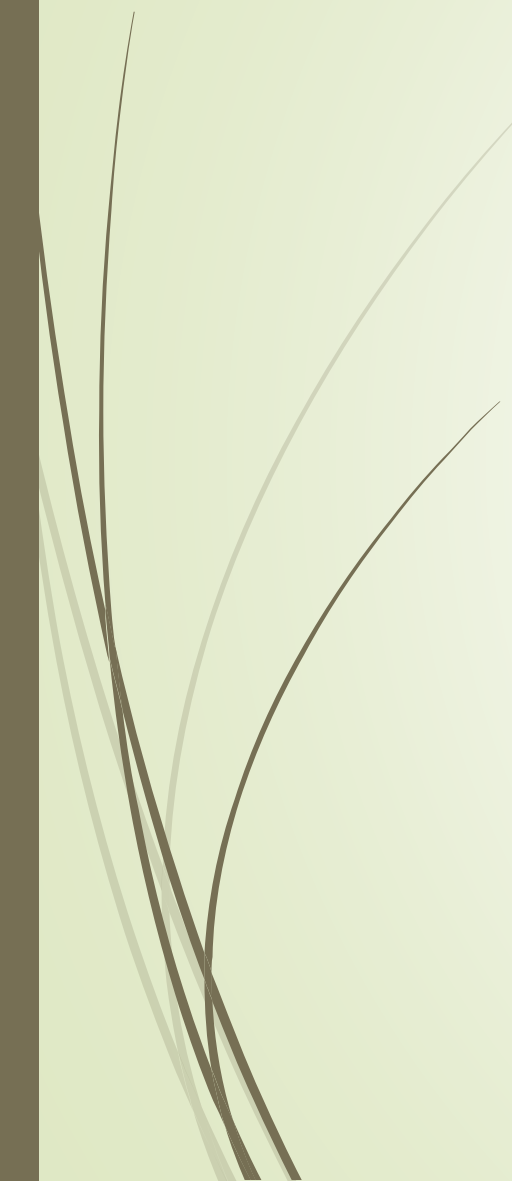
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Noteworthy: *The underlined sentence is key to this analysis. It links the author, literary devices, evidence, and analysis to the theme quite clearly and starts to build complexity.*

Stats: 4 sentences; 76 words

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Their Eyes Were Watching God

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Noteworthy: Yes, this one only has one piece of evidence, but it serves to literary devices and a complex theme perfectly. The final sentence contextualizes the theme statement helpfully by bringing it back to Janie and her story.

Stats: 4 sentences; 94 words

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