

Analyzing an Essay (Lesson 3)

Important Phrases

Which phrases or sentences are the most informative and important in this scholarly essay?
Choose three and give the reason for your choice.

Phrase 1:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 2:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Phrase 3:

Why is this phrase important or powerful?

Analyzing a Pamphlet

Critical Thinking Question 1: What is the major claim being made by the author of this pamphlet?	
What textual evidence supports the author's claim?	Does the claim that is being presented appear to be fact based or opinion based?
Critical Thinking Question 2: What is the tone of the pamphlet?	
Give evidence of the tone from the text of this pamphlet:	How does this tone influence the effectiveness of the pamphlet?
Critical Thinking Question 3: What are the best (most convincing or most thought-provoking) parts of the pamphlet?	
Cite textual evidence to support your opinion.	
Critical Thinking Question 4: Summarize, in your own words, the overall message of this pamphlet:	
What evidence in the text supports your summary?	

The News Conference

Speaker/Author:

Title of Text:

Write your question here:	Answer: Evidence from Text:
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