

Essay Companion



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What can you infer from the evidence?

How is your idea shown in the evidence?

How does the writer use techniques / language / structure?

How does this link back to your initial idea?

Why did the writer use this? *Why* did they want to show this? *Why* did they choose to present it in this way?

Words to summarise and conclude:

On the whole
Overall
Ultimately
Finally
In conclusion

Academic phrases:

The writer conveys/presents/contrasts/ implies/indicates/ creates/reveals

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It's possible the writer wants us to understand ...

By using a the writer shows how ...

By using ... the writer is forcing the reader to...

This would be particularly powerful to a ...reader/audience

The writer would have been influenced by...

Words to show emphasis:

cleverly, accurately, clearly, ironically, effectively,
undoubtedly, above all, notable, especially, significantly



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This reveals/ suggests/ implies/depicts/conveys/ emphasises/reinforces/highlights/ portrays

The most important word is...

Consequently ...

By using a...the writer creates the impression of...

In particular, the use of...

The word...conveys...

Words to show a developed interpretation:

In addition the use of a

Furthermore, the use of a ... develops the idea of...

This idea is further strengthened by the use of...

Alternatively the use of...could also show...

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