

Name: _____ Section: _____ Date: _____

Writing a Literary or Textual Analysis Paragraph

Make sure to address all the following topics in your analysis paragraphs (i.e. the paragraphs you are writing for your Process Piece). Take notes on this sheet to help you prepare your paragraph, but the final version should not be in notes or bullet points—it should read like a paragraph with sentences that flow together.

Basic Structure of Analytical Paragraph:

- Context
- Significance
- Description/Observation
- Analysis

Planning:

1. **Choose a moment before, during, or after the pivotal moment.** Then **choose a cell** that shows, through text or through visuals, something significant about that particular moment. **Write down the page and cell number here:** _____

2. **Context:** Explain the moment that you are analyzing. Is it before, during or after your pivotal moment? What is happening? To whom? When? Where?

3. **Significance:** Why is this moment important? What is it showing that is significant to your overall story?

(turn over for the most important part!) ↓

4. **Description/Observations of Images/Graphic Techniques:** How is the moment portrayed? images/graphic techniques are used? Include specifics and details!

5. **Analysis of Images/Graphic Techniques:** How do the visuals/graphic techniques add deeper meaning to the moment? What do those techniques do to help SHOW something so it does not have to be told?

6. **Description/Observations of Text/Text Containers:** How is the moment portrayed? What words/text containers are used? Include specifics and details!

7. **Analysis of Text/Text Containers:** How do the text/text containers add deeper meaning to the moment? What does the text do to help SHOW something so it does not have to be told?
