

Text Structures for Writing About Literature

3 Things the Character Knows About _____

What it means to most people

One thing s/he knows _____ (and how)

Another thing s/he knows _____ (and how)

Another thing s/he knows _____ (and how)

What this adds up to for the character

Short Take

What's the purpose of this writing

How do you know?

Who would like to read this?

Sandra Coker, Livingston HS

I Knew That!

At first I suspected/thought _____

Then I read " _____ "

Which told me _____

And next I read " _____ "

And then I knew _____

If I Were Making a Movie of This, I Would Have to Have

A movie version should be _____

I'd include _____

And include _____

And include _____

All of these would create _____

One Way I Could Change This Story While Keeping It Basically The Same

One thing I could change and it would still be the same piece

Not this _____ because

Not this _____ because

Maybe this _____

What's essential _____

How I Figured It Out/Cracking the Code

I was totally confused
when I read "_____"

So I tried _____

And then _____

And now I understand

Did I Miss Something?

"_____"
confused me

I thought maybe
it means _____

Or, I thought
maybe it means

Then I read
"_____" and knew

I knew it made
sense when I
read "_____"

The Path of Wondering

I wondered

When I read
"_____"

So I asked
myself _____

And I read
"_____"

Finally I figured
out _____

Passages: Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

I like the part
where _____
because _____

I didn't like the
part where _____
because _____

But my very favorite
part is _____
which _____

What I'd like to
remember is

Talking Back to the Character(s)

The character
said _____

I would have said

Then _____
happened

I'd have said

How the
character should
have reacted

Clarifier - Aha

At first I thought this
was saying _____

Then I heard/read
"_____"

Which means

So now I think this
part is really saying

Questioning the Author

I'd ask _____

Because I read "_____"

I thought _____

(Dis)Agreeing with the Author

When I read "_____"

I wish I could tell the author
how much I (dis)agree about

Because _____

Sharing My Reaction With the Author

How it affected me

When I read "_____"

Because _____