



### Analyzing Literature

#### Today's Standard

11-12.RL.8 - (RL.11-12.8 not applicable to literature)

Cues	Notes
What is literary analysis?	Literary analysis involves breaking down a text to understand its meaning and structure.
Why is historical context important?	Historical context can influence the themes, characters, and plot of a literary work.
What are common literary devices?	Common literary devices include metaphor, simile, alliteration, and symbolism.
How do themes and motifs function in literature?	Themes are central ideas in a text, while motifs are recurring elements that support the theme.
What is the structure of a literary analysis essay?	A literary analysis essay typically includes an introduction, body paragraphs with textual evidence, and a conclusion.

#### Summary

Literary analysis is a structured approach to understanding texts, considering elements like historical context, themes, and literary devices. Mastering this skill prepares students for advanced literature studies.