



# Analysis Questions for Close Reading

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- Ⓢ Are there any words or terms that are symbolic?
- Ⓢ Are any words or terms repeated?
  - Often repeated words/terms have significance in terms of theme
- Ⓢ Is any irony present?
- Ⓢ What is the tone (attitude) of the passage? How do you know?
  - Example, the tone of a funeral is quite different than the tone of a wedding
- Ⓢ What type of imagery is used? Why?
- Ⓢ Do you see any patterns in the language the author uses?
- Ⓢ Does the author use a special dialect? If so, why?
- Ⓢ Are there any literary devices used?
- Ⓢ What might be the theme or the message of the text? How do you know?