Analysis Questions for Close Reading


- 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?