Sentence Starters for Literary Analysis

1. In the story it says, \_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. (Author’s last name) writes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote)\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. For example, when the author describes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it says, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote)\_\_\_\_\_.
4. This quote shows how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. From \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we see that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. By using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(paraphrase, quote, literary device) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reader understands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. The narrator says \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote) this shows/explains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. When the character \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reader understands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. When the author uses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(literary device) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it helps the reader understand the tone because \_\_\_\_
10. The author’s use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(literary device) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ helps to develop his theme by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Through the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(literary device)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the author is able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. In the story the reader learns \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when the author/character does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
13. Through the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(literary device)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the author develops the idea that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. This indicates that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. The text portrays the idea that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. This scene is important to the plot because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. In this scene/example the author is showing that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
18. Without the author’s use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(literary device/event)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the reader wouldn’t know that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
19. This event/scene/line is important to the story/character because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
20. This part of the story \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is relevant because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
21. Without this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(insert quote) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we wouldn’t understand the character’s thoughts/motivations
22. In this scene the author was clearly showing that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through his use of/when he said\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sentences to keep your analysis going….

1. The fact that (rephrase your evidence/quote) proves/shows/demonstrates/illustrates that (make claim) because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Based on this, the reader can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because
3. All of this goes to show that (claim) because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The reader can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. This is significant because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. The reader can clearly see that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. This technique was effective because it shows/evokes/explains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Words to keep your analysis going…

1. Additionally
2. Equally important
3. Similarly
4. Furthermore
5. As well
6. Indeed
7. Likewise
8. Along with
9. Both as
10. Moreover
11. Together with
12. In fact
13. In the same way
14. With this in mind
15. Truly

1) The tone of this passage is one of…

2) The author’s use of archaic / colloquial terms produces…

3) The unusual syntax of this sentence…

4) This simile / metaphor represents…

5) This rhetorical question denotes…

6) (Character) questions…

7) This (object, color, person, place, action) symbolizes…

8) This allusion invokes…

9) This oxymoron illustrates…

10) This (onomatopoetic term) illustrates…

11) The author’s use of alliteration causes…

12) This (term) connotes…which indicates…

13) This (term) denotes… which indicates…

14) This image evokes…

15) This hyperbole creates…

16) This flashback reveals…

17) This scene foreshadows…

18) The irony in this sentence / scene suggests…

19) In this character’s point of view…

20) This (object) personifies…