

Meaning

Reader response

Structure

Connotations

Imagery

Language



Here are some sentence starts to help you write about a text using MR SCIL for analysis.

Sentence starts for M or R

- The overall meaning is that ...
- Perhaps the writer is trying to hint at ...
- The writer challenges our expectations here because ...
- This line / sentence / extract indicates that ...
- The overall tone and mood here is ...
- The reader is caught between feeling ... and ...
- The reader is prompted to consider ...
- The audience might respond ...
- The writer positions the reader/audience in favour of/against ... by...
- The writer's purpose here is to ...

Sentence starts for S,C, I or L

- The writer uses a '...' sentence structure because ...
- The use of punctuation is interesting because ...
- Here, [the writer] employs the word/phrase '...' to ... suggest/imply/reinforce/evoke/encourage/indicate
- The use of the word '...' suggests/has ... connotations. / hints at ...
- The language used is ... emotive/formal/colloquial/commanding/direct/archaic/subjective/objective.
- The writer appeals to the senses by using the phrase '...'. This helps the reader ...
- The use of a metaphor/simile/[literary technique] is used to emphasise the idea ...
- The religious/natural/animal/colour/visual/auditory/sensory imagery has been used to encourage ...
- The most interesting word/sentence/idea/chapter/moment is ... because ...