



Flashback

An interruption of the action to present events that took place in the past. Flashbacks provide the reader with necessary background information and additional understanding, especially regarding a character’s current situation.

Foreshadowing

Hints the author provides regarding a future event. Foreshadowing helps to build suspense and tension within a story. It can also help a reader anticipate what will happen next and be prepared.

Authors use these two devices to move a story along. The devices engage readers and provide an avenue for the author to develop plot, conflict, and other important elements. Readers must be careful to remain cognizant of timelines so as to avoid confusion.

FLASHBACK- provide examples from the text

chapter + page number	Event in the text	How I know it's flashback	Purpose or reason for the flashback

FORESHADOWING- Find examples in the text. Each must be from a different chapter

Chapter + page number	Hint or clue	Event

TONE- Provide excerpts from the text that show what the author is thinking. Explain what the tone of the passage is.

MOOD- Provide excerpts from the text that show what you feel. Explain what the mood of the passage is.

Word to describe Tone		Word to describe Mood	
	P# _____		P# _____
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Finding a Theme in a Story

Who are the characters?	Where does the story take place?	What are the main conflicts?	How are the conflicts resolved?
Give a synopsis of the story, covering the most important parts.			
What do the characters in the story learn?		What do you learn from the characters' experiences?	

1. Complete the sentence: The author believes that...

- Include “what” lesson is learned and “why” it is important.
- Avoid specific references to details about characters, setting, or plot.
- Use general references like a person, someone, an individual, people, etc.

Sample

The author believes that trust is important in order for people to grow deep relationships.

The author believes that disobedience is bad when it puts others at risk.

2. Add textual evidence

- Use phrases like According to the text... One place the author shows this is...
- Reference specific characters, events, actions, words, etc. from the text.
- Provide 2-3 different textual details to support the theme statement.

In *The Kite Runner*, (the author believes that) _____.

One place the author shows this is _____ (Hosseini ____).

Another example is when _____ (Hosseini ____).