

Steps for Deeper Meaning

1. Practice Insight

Arriving at an intuitive understanding of a big idea using small clues to get there.

How to do this

1. Observe character's behavior to figure out their true emotions & motivations
2. Pay attention to little things because they add up to what is meaningful

2. Acknowledge Complexity

At any given time there are multiple factors that shape what is true in the story

How to do this

1. Avoid making broad generalizations or quick, simple judgments about a character
2. Explore the facets of your character carefully
3. Consider multiple influences on events.
4. Explain the tension of multiple forces that shape the story.
5. Show your ability to understand the complicated nature of the human experience.

3. Before writing your paper, go back to the text

1. Fish out the small moments in the story
2. Line them up
3. practice insight
4. acknowledge complexity
5. arrive at some big ideas