



Analysis: Notes

What is analysis?

- **Understanding or breaking down the meaning of a complex topic**
- In English, the topic could be a story, phrase, or poem

How can you analyze a document well?

- Find the **author's purpose**
- Try to find all the **main ideas**
- Look **beyond the surface level words**, what is the true meaning of the text?
- Identify **figurative language** and try to break it down
- Identify **words you don't know** and find out what they mean
- Try to answer the questions
 - **Who?**
 - **What?**
 - **When?**
 - **Where?**
 - **How?**
 - **Why? (mostly "why?")**

ANNOTATE: A great way to analyze a document is to annotate it.

- Write down your thoughts in the margins
- Use the other strategies and write them in the text