

Critical Nouns

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Critical Nouns</u>
1	connections, details
2	alliteration
3	central/main idea, illustration, point of view, stanza, theme
4	conclusion, evidence, figurative language, metaphor, simile, structure
6	argument, connotative language, mood, tone

<u>Critical Noun</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
alliteration	words in a row with the same initial consonant sound
analogy	a similarity between like features of two things
argument	a reason or set of reasons that something is true
central idea	most important point the author makes
conclusions	summing up of an argument or text
connections	relating what you read to something else you know
connotative language	the association that a word brings to mind
details	isolated facts that support ideas
evidence	knowledge of which to base a belief
figurative language	figures of speech used to make meaning clearer
illustrations	visual materials used to clarify or add to a text
interaction	a mutual or reciprocal action
metaphor	an indirect comparison
mood	the way the author makes the reader feel
point of view	the vantage point from which a story is told
rhetoric	the art of writing or speaking effectively
simile	a direct comparison using like or as
stanza	a poetry term for paragraph; a section of a poem
structure	organization of a text
theme	a unified idea
tone	the author's attitude or outlook

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