*How to Read Literature Like a Professor for Kids* Notes

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| **Notes** | **Examples – Write an example from the text that you are familiar with (and/or include your own example)** |
| **1. Every Trip is a Quest (Except When It’s Not)**  What 5 things does a story need to be a quest?  1.  2.  3.  4.  5.  What is always the real reason for a quest? |  |
| **2. Nice to Eat with You: Acts of Communion**  Why do authors include meal scenes in books? |  |
| **3. Nice to Eat You: Acts of Vampires**  What is vampirism in novels really about? What do they symbolize? |  |
| **4. If It’s a Square, It’s a Sonnet**  What is the shape and structure of a sonnet?  Explain the two parts of a sonnet, and their function. |  |
| **5. Now Where Have I Seen This Before?**  There’s no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  What is the benefit in recognizing connections between works of literature? |  |
| **6. When In Doubt, It’s From Shakespeare…**  Why do writers allude to Shakespeare? |  |
| **7 …Or the Bible**  What are the elements of a Christ figure?  Why are there Christ figures? |  |
| **8. Hanseldee and Greteldum**  Why do authors use fairytales and legends? |  |
| **9. It’s Greek to Me**  What is myth?  What are the four great struggles of the human being? |  |
| **10. It’s More than just Rain or Snow or Springtime**  Why do authors use rain?  Fog?  Snow?  What do the seasons symbolize?  Spring –  Summer –  Autumn –  Winter – |  |
| **11. Is that a Symbol?**  What is a symbol?  What do symbols stand for? |  |
| **12. It’s All Political**  What is a social critic?  What is political writing?  What are some common political topics in literature? |  |
| **13. Geography Matters**  Why is geography important in literature? |  |
| **Interlude: One Story**  What is intertextuality?  What is an archetype? |  |
| **14. Marked for Greatness**  Why do authors give characters physical flaws? |  |
| **15. He’s Blind for a Reason, You Know**  Why do authors use blind characters or talk about blindness? |  |
| **16. It’s Never Just Heart Disease…and Rarely Just Illness**  What does heart disease mean in literature?  What makes a prime literary disease?  1.  2.  3. |  |
| **17. Don’t Read With Your Eyes**  What does Foster mean when he says “Don’t read with your eyes”? |  |
| **18. Is He Serious? And Other Ironies**  What is irony?  Irony trumps ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |