*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 ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |