

9.7 Developing commentary

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KEY WORDS sophisticated reasoning 高层次推理

Objective

Build the skills to sustain **sophisticated reasoning** 高层次推理.

You must be able to:

- define a line of reasoning
- state the three sophisticated moves
- explain what a broader context means for a novel
- connect sophistication to the line of reasoning

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Line of reasoning

The logical sequence of claims that work together to defend the overarching **thesis statement**, communicated through commentary.

■ Three moves

Significance within a broader context; alternative interpretations; relevant analogies.

■ Broader context for a novel

What the reading shows about how the novel works, about a problem it shares with other texts, or about why the interpretation matters to a reader — anchored to the argument, not appended to it.

■ Connected, not decorative

A sophistication move belongs inside the line of reasoning. An alternative interpretation raised and dismissed in one sentence at the end has been mentioned, not used; the same alternative used to sharpen a claim mid-essay does real work.

2 Practice

2.1 Define a line of reasoning. [2]

2.2 State the three sophisticated moves. [3]

2.3 Sophistication belongs inside the reasoning.

(a) State the difference between mentioning and using an alternative. [2]

(b) State what “broader context” can mean for a novel. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 An alternative interpretation dismissed in one final sentence has been [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A mentioned, not used
B fully used
C proved
D cited

3.2 A sophisticated move should be [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A anchored to the argument
B appended at the end
C omitted
D repeated

- (a) State whether this is mentioning or using. [1]
- (b) Explain why the placement matters. [2]

Marked on the AP 6-point rubric: **Row A — Thesis (1), Row B — Evidence and Commentary (4), Row C — Sophistication (1).**

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