

IB Cheat Sheet

IB Language and Literature: Paper 1 Textual Analysis

What is required from the student?

- A detailed examination of a piece of literature (Close reading).
 - Understanding the extract as complex and open to interpretation and deeper meaning (Reading between the lines)
 - An understanding of the effects of literary features.
 - Organization of findings into a coherent piece of writing

Basic Components:

Subject / Theme

- What is the text about?
- What ideas / messages does the author convey?
- What running themes or ideas are relevant to the text? Save the planet? The importance of tradition?
- What are the views behind the message?

Context

- What cultural group / demographic does this text come from?
- What assumptions does it make about the subject / audience?
- What historical periods or events are relevant?
- What geographical / political / social landscapes are relevant?

Purpose

- Why was it written?
- Does it aim to review, persuade, argue etc.?
- Whose views are being presented and what is their objective?
- To Inform / entertain / persuade? Or a combination

Audience

- Who is the text aimed at?

- Young/ Old? Male / Female? Cultural open / Narrow minded?
- What position do we take as readers? Included/ Excluded? The common reader / the unique perspective?
- Based on the source at the end of the text what can you gather?

Language

- What perspective does it take? Objective? Biased? – how does that relate to the language choice?
- Does it use pronouns?
- How does it hook or engage the reader?
- How type of sentence structures is used?
- Does it create effective imagery to convey meaning? Urgency? Suffering?
- What effects are created by choice of lexis, register, irony, imagery, figurative language etc.
- What kind of atmosphere is created? Relaxed? Mysterious?

Style / Tone

- Is it serious, angry, friendly, satirical or condemning?
- How formal is it?
- Does it use phrases?
- Does it treat you like a friend or like a client?

Text type / presentation

- Is it an article, an advert, a poster, a newspaper article?
- Is it fiction or nonfiction?
- How is the text distributed on the page?
- Is it digestible for the common reader or does it require a trained eye?

Glossary of terms

Style / form

Irony

Satire / Satirical

Tone

Symbolism

Bias
Provoking
Objectivity
Subjectivity
Anecdote
Pathos / Ethos / Logos
Credibility

Structure

Syntax
Parenthesis
Rhetorical questions
Declarative sentences
Elliptical sentences
Parallelisms
Juxtaposition
Contrast
Connectives
Circular argument
Topic sentences
Evidence
Clauses (Main, dependent/ subordinate
etc.)
Openers

Language

Figurative
Simile
Metaphor
Personification

Assonance
Alliteration

A Basic Essay Structure - Paper 1

Introduction

Purpose
Audience
Context
Themes / Important ideas
Major components and techniques (style, register, structure etc.)

Repetition
Adjectives
Verbs
Modal verbs
Ambiguity
Puns
Pronouns
Hyperbole
Allusion
Cliche
Euphemism
Emotive words
Superlatives
Adverbial
Plosive

Presentation

Layout
Foregrounding
Clour
Puffs
Contrasts
Font
Images
Captions
Heading
Subheadings
Logos

Body 1 - Topic sentence: (State one major idea / theme that the text conveys)

Example 1:

Explain

Example 2:

Explain/ Elaborate + Link to topic sentence

Body 2 - Topic Sentence

Example 1:

Explain / Elaborate

Example 2:

Explain / Elaborate + Link to topic sentence

Body 3 - Topic Sentence

Example 1

Explain

Example 2

Explain / Elaborate + Link to topic sentence

Conclusion: (Summarise the main ideas and components - Purpose, Audience, Topic sentences etc.)