



NWEA: Interpreting Literature

What does NWEA require students to do?

Students will need to...

Locate information and make inferences about

Characters

- Figure out how the writer uses details to characterize a character—what the character says, what the character does

Setting

- Figure out how the writer uses details to communicate setting

Plot

- Sequence Events
- Infer predictions
- Analyze Causes and effects

Summarize a story

- Identify/infer conflict
- Identify/analyze conflict resolution

Analyze the story to conclude the Theme, moral, lesson (NWEA calls this Main Idea)

Analyze how the writer communicates that idea:

- Tone
- Point of view
- How the narrator feels about the story

Analyze the techniques that the writer uses to tell the story well:

- Description
- Narrator's view
- Dialogue
- Idioms
- Foreshadowing
- Irony
- Imagery
- Sensory language
- Figurative language
- Symbols
- Similes
- Metaphors

Basis for this NWEA overview—analysis of the NWEA Descartes statements.