

# **Common Core Readers think clearly about the whole story!**

- ✓ **What events are central to the story?**
- ✓ **What are characters' traits, and what do they represent about their society?**
- ✓ **What choices do characters make?**
- ✓ **How does the main character change?**
- ✓ **What is the central theme?**

**Relate the structure and elements of the story  
and author's techniques to your interpretation.**

**These questions apply Common Core Reading Standards:  
1—read closely, then infer with evidence 2—analyze the theme 3—analyze characters' development  
Students analyze the Writer's Craft to interpret a story.**