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.