

What? So What? Now What?

Use information in the following guide to help you analyze a text for possible themes. The guide is applied to a sample visual text on the following pages.

<p>What</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • details • events • effects • ideas 	<p>Consider the text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What details and ideas are significant in this text? • What ideas do you get from key elements of this text? • What effects specific to this text support ideas? • What is the text creator's message about humanity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>You can apply this to a section or to the entire text.</i>
<p>So What?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal connection • another perspective 	<p>Explore relevance of the text to you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you relate personally to ideas in this text, or how has this text affected you? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>What memories or experiences did this text prompt?</i> ◦ <i>What connection did you make with experiences of people you know?</i> ◦ <i>What connection did you make with other texts?</i>
<p>Now What?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • societal connection • universal effect 	<p>Explore relevance of the text to society or to the world:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are the author's ideas relevant in the world today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>How are these ideas unfolding in the world around us?</i> ◦ <i>Where are these ideas occurring? When? Why?</i> • Are the issues important to all people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>If so, in what way are they important?</i> ◦ <i>Who may be affected by these issues?</i>

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