

Quote Analysis

Metaphor: direct comparison between two unlike things

Simile: compares two clauses using “like” or “as”

Personification: attributing human qualities to something nonhuman

Hyperbole: an exaggeration

Parallel Structure: shows equal importances within a sentence

Juxtaposition: placing objects side by side for comparison or contrast

Repetition: words expressed more than once

Direct Characterization: author directly reveals a personality trait

Indirect Characterization: author forces judgements about the character

Flashback: rewinds to a previous event

Foreshadowing: fast-forwards to an upcoming event

Ethos: an appeal to credibility

Logos: an appeal to logic

Pathos: an appeal to emotion

[Link to more literary devices!](#)

How to analyze a quote:

- ★ Let's say you want to annotate for a quote that says “She was acting like a clown”
 - For each quote, you need to find **TWO** literary devices that fit the quote
 - For this quote, one device we could use is a **SIMILE**, because it uses the word “like”
 - We could also use **INDIRECT CHARACTERIZATION**, because it is alluding to her acting very foolish
 - After finding these two things, you are ready to analyze the quote
 - When analyzing the quote, you always want to state the two devices followed by an effect
 - When explaining an effect, use words such as “demonstrates” or “illustrates” to tell the reader the deeper meaning of the quote.
 - The way you could write the full analysis is:
 - This phrase uses a **simile** and **indirect characterization** to illustrate how the character's actions made her seem foolish.

- ★ Here is an example from J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*
 - “Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody” (Salinger 229).
 - Using an assertion and indirect characterization, the quote illustrates how wise the narrator is and that he has personally experienced this.