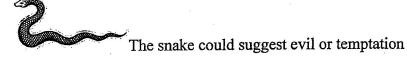
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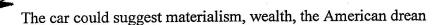
Teachers may introduce the following technique to help young readers begin to practice literary analysis. This method allows students to "sift" through the parts in order to comprehend the whole.

SIFT Method

Symbol: examine the title and text for symbolism



Images: identify the images and sensory details



Figures of speech: analyze figurative language and other devices



"Free as a bird" suggests lack of restraints or boundaries, freedom to choose

Tone and Theme: discuss how all devices reveal tone and theme.







Angry? Shocked? Delighted? How does the story make you feel?

And what does the story mean to you?