

How 2 Evaluate

Useful words when evaluating:

What's going on throughout the text?

The author uses the

Setting
Idea
Theme
Event

of _____ to

Powerfully
Effectively
Clearly
Successfully

...

A **PREVALENT** idea is one that appears throughout a text.

Tone, mood and atmosphere
Can also be useful to talk about!

Don't get hung up on the difference between ideas and themes!

If something is **UBIQUITOUS** it appears everywhere.

How does the author do this?

Introduce multiple short quotations to support your initial idea.

For instance, phrases like "_____" and "_____" ...

or...

For example, the writer describes "_____", "_____" and "_____"

If a theme is **UNDERLYING** it is perhaps subtly hinted at throughout a text.

Now identify any links or patterns that run through these quotations.

An **OVERARCHING** theme is perhaps more obvious throughout a text.

"That thing"

"It screamed"

"The figure jumped"

Repeated use of vague language

Link this back to the text as a whole ...

If something **PERVADES** the text that means it appears a lot.

Such quotations...
ADVERBS!
subtly carefully
interestingly
blatantly repeatedly

demonstrate
epitomise
typify
exemplify
indicate
encapsulate

an overarching idea of ...
the motif of ...
the setting of ...
the theme of ...

Top Tips Why is this effective in relation to the question?

Consider different audiences; if the text doesn't appeal to you, who might it appeal to?

This is particularly

This bit depends on the focus of the question!

engaging
humorous
mysterious
tense
informative

because ... There's no easy way to answer this. You have to really think!

AVOID: "It makes you want to read on."
"It paints a picture in your head."