     Selection Synthesis

Your task is to read the selection and recount the basic idea and line of plot in writing. You will begin with the main idea of the selection.  You will then support this main idea with pertinent and relative details and examples.   Finally, you will synthesize this information by discussing any implied meanings in the passage.   You will also discuss the characters and the impact of this section to the BIG idea of the rest of the story.

1. Read the passage through at least twice.    The second time through, highlight words or phrases that are little known or unknown.  Look up these words.
2. Jot down the main idea of the passage.

Main idea of passage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Support the main idea with 2-3 examples and details from the passage.

Supporting examples:   (a)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Discuss any implied or figurative meanings from the selection, record a 2-3 sentence statement summarizing the implied meanings and how they impact the rest of the selection.  Identify specific use of figurative language.

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5.  What is the tone of the selection?  In your response, be sure to support your answer with text evidence.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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6. How does the author’s use of characterization add to the story?    Select a character and discuss how that character is described through actions, words, and attitude.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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7.  Think about the significance of this selection to the rest of the story/play/text.  Write a brief account of why the author included this piece in his/her writing.

Significance:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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8.   Finally, examine how it all ties together:  the main idea, characterization, figurative language, implied meanings, and significance.  Could the author have omitted ANY of it and still have maintained the same purpose or impact?  Why?

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Review your work, making sure that you completely and thoroughly answered ALL questions.