

Agenda:

Scarlet Ibis work - how to generate a thesis statement (topic sentence)

Author's techniques

Character analysis

Homework: Write your "thesis" statement and find 5 quotes to support what you want to say! Bring them to class so we can use them!

What techniques did the Author Employ?

What, where, and for what purpose?

Find specific examples in the story to support your techniques!

metaphor - compares Doodle to Scarlet ibis

Symbolism - Scarlet ibis = Doodle

red = Doodle = open wound, pain + suffering

empty cradle = death, loss of child

personification - setting was more alive w/ details

selective detail -

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↳ foreshadowing death of Doodle

metaphors + similes to make the story mournful
feel the narrator's sadness

↳ regret, guilt, remorse

selective detail, word choice, diction
symbols — Scarlet ibis, casket,
bleeding tree, narrator

(What do you know? How do you know?)

Narrator/Brother

Find specifics in the story to support your thoughts

Cared for Doodle - "I'm not going to hurt you, I'm going to teach you to walk."

mean to Doodle - "there is a knot of cruelty...."

Irritated by Doodle/feels responsible for - "he was a burden"
disappointed in Doodle -

Selfish - "they did not know that Doodle walked only because I was ashamed..."

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Symbols / foreshadowing to show demonstrate clarify that
lit. element help readers understand

author's purpose or intention

- Brother deeply regrets Doodle's death
- Brother feels responsible for Doodle's death
- Sometimes we don't appreciate the ones we love until they are lost to us.

(What do you know? How do you know?)

Doodle

Find specifics in the story to support your thoughts

disabled - "he will never walk"

clingy + dependent on Brother - "Don't leave me, Brother"

had faith + confidence in Brother - "I would teach him,"
"I began to believe in my own infallibility,"
he too started to believe

Caring -

sensitive, emotional

adored, worshipped

looked up to

(What do you know? How do you know?)

Doodle

Find specifics in the story to support your thoughts

disabled - "...from the outset a disappointment"

imaginative - "I admit, Doodle could beat me lying"

Sensitive
finds beauty

"It's so pretty" - moved, emotional

trusting - "he too now believed in my infallibility"

selfless -

adored Brother - ... they made plans to live together
in old woman's swamp

dependent on Brother

(What do you know? How do you know?)

Narrator/Brother

Find specifics in the story to support your thoughts

"he was a burden in many ways"

selfish - "they did not know that I did it for myself..."

ashamed of Doodle / row upstream

did not appreciate Doodle - "having a invalid for a brother was bad enough..."

grew to love Doodle - "I began to weep and the tear blurred vision ..."

persistent - "It seemed so hopeless from the beginning that it was a miracle I didn't give up"

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lit technique

to { show
demonstrate [that]
clarify } sometimes we don't appreciate

author's purpose

what we have until it's gone

Doodle?

Narrator?

Relationship? how much the narrator misses Doodle

Thematic -

