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Quote Significance

Significance is almost the same as importance. The significance of a quote is how the quote is relevant to the play (or story), the events, the setting, etc., and how it helps the reader's view of the story. **IT IS NOT THE MEANING OF THE QUOTE.**

How do you determine the significance?

Here are three steps to help you do that.

1. Determine who said the quote.

2. Determine where and when the quote was said.

3. Then use these questions to help analyze the significance.

- a. Does the quote give you new information about the setting or events of the story that you weren't aware of before?
- b. Does the quote tell you something about a character that you weren't aware of before?
- c. Is the quote a moment in the story where the events or circumstances change? How does the quote relate to it?
- d. Is the quote a moment in the story where a character's fate is determined?
- e. Is the quote a moment in the story where a character is trying to do something very important? What is it? Why is the quote related to that?
- f. How is the meaning of the quote important in the larger picture of the story?

***** If you use these three steps you should be able to determine why a quote is important to the story. Remember to always ask yourself **WHY IS THIS QUOTE IMPORTANT IN THE STORY?**