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COPY MASTER

Skill Focus

ANALYZE LITERARY CRITICISM

Literary criticism is the category of writing that evaluates literary works, genres, and ideas. It strives to help readers better understand and appreciate literary works by providing the following:

- information about the work’s historical or literary content
- a description of the text itself
- an evaluation of the work according to implicitly or explicitly stated criteria

When you analyze literary criticism, you identify the critic’s position, evaluate the reasons and evidence given as support, and then consider whether you agree or disagree with the critic.

Directions: Use the chart to take notes that will help you analyze Bowra’s essay.

| Author’s Position: | | |
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| Reasons | Evidence | My Thoughts and Reactions |
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