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Today's Whole-Class Discussion Goal

- You have already come so far in your discussion skills: making claims, building off of each other, challenging each other's ideas, inviting others into the conversation, etc.
- You have also developed your skills in keeping a topic alive by asking probing questions.
- Our next goal is to build your skills at using discussion to develop meaning by analyzing evidence instead of simply including evidence.

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How do you do analyze evidence?

Four easy steps:

- 1st step: Make a claim
- 2nd step: Cite evidence ("Everyone turn to ______, I am going to start reading from there.")
- 3rd step: Identify key poetic element (identify figure, line, meter rhyme)
- 4th: Connect to theme with commentary (thematic message)

(Does this remind you of a body paragraph in a literary analysis paper?)

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Example:

- 1st (claim): In "Fifteen," William Stafford argues that making good decisions marks the passage from boyhood to adulthood and that the moment of transition happens without warning or planning.
- 2nd (cite): Please turn to line 18 of "Fifteen. I'm going to start reading from there.
- 3rd (device): Notice that here, the poet stops comparing the motorcycle to a horse and calls it a "machine."
- 4th (commentary): Here Stafford stops using figurative language to describe the motorcycle. This tells the reader that the mind of the speaker has changed he's no longer seeing the motorcycle in the same way. It's not a horse that he could ride to freedom, it's a motorcycle that he needs to return to its owner.

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Inside Circle
On your yellow rubric write
Your Name
Outside circle
Your partner's name
On the bottom of your white rubric, write your personal goal for the seminar and circle the rubric criterion.

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