

Literary Analysis vs. Rhetorical analysis

A literary text analyzes a work of fiction and the context in which it was written. A rhetorical analysis analyzes an artifact's persuasive potential. The diagram below indicates the vocabulary we use for each.

Literary Analysis

theme
plot
characterization
foreshadowing
setting
dialogue
point of view

irony
symbolism
word choice
imagery
hyperbole
juxtaposition
metaphor
syntax
tone
allusion
structure

Rhetorical Analysis

purpose
claim
ethos
pathos
logos
rhetorical situation
audience
context
purpose
evidence
constraints
speaker