

TEXT ANALYSIS

STORY

1. What is the scene about? **TEXT**
2. What is the scene REALLY about? **SUBTEXT**
3. What is the **conflict** in the scene?
4. Describe **the dramatic arc** of the scene? From what to what?
5. Identify all the **beats** in the scene. Mark them on the text. Indicate who wins each beat (*as each beat is a confrontation*).
6. Is there a **shift of power** in the scene? Indicate the beat in which the shift of power takes place.
(A scene is a conflict between two characters [forces or ideas]. A shift of power is a change in the balance of power between the characters. Although both characters should be formidable, in the end one must prevail.)

CHARACTERS

1. Who is the main character? (his/her **back story**).
2. What does s/he want?
 - A) **Conscious goal** (what does she want?)
 - B) **Unconscious desire** (what does she REALLY want?)
3. What is his/her **character flaw**? How does it incite and drive the action of the scene?
The most conflicted part of her/his personality or aspect of her life; the biggest problem? Unresolved conflict? It drives all her actions. When and how did it start? Identify the events from the past.
4. What is the **emotional charge** with which each of them enters the scene?
5. What is **his/her dramatic arc**?
6. Identify and describe the causal correlation between the following elements:

