

## THREE LEVELS OF READING A TEXT

### Retention

What is happening? Who is doing it? What does it look like?

“John Queen sat down at the table. He reached into the drawer, pulled out a knife, placed it on the table and smiled maliciously.”

### Analysis

What does it mean “within the world of the book?”

- Why is he smiling?
- Why is he killing?
- What will the other characters think of this?
- What will he do when he is done with the killing?

### Extrapolation

How does that relate to the world outside of the book? How does it relate to me?

- How does his having committed murder relate to all the other murders committed in the world every day?
- Why do people commit murder?
- Could someone I know commit murder?
- Could I commit murder? Etc.
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