

## Interpretive Cards

One of the most difficult aspects of reading literature is understanding the difference between what a passage says and what it does in the text. This assignment will help you better recognize what a passage does to contribute to the meaning of the whole piece of literature being studied.

Directions: As you read the novel/story, complete the following steps using a new 5" X 8" card. Then, follow the steps below for each new card.

1. Choose a significant quote or passage from the assigned chapter and write it on the front of your index card including the page number(s) where your quote appears in the text. If the event is long, you may give a brief explanation of it and then explain the context in which it was used in the text.
2. Sketch a quick-draw that uses a symbol to indicate what your selection from the text does in the context of the story.
3. Add three or four quotations from the section of the text you are explicating to show how the event or quotation functions.
4. Write a claim, stating what your event or quotation does to contribute to the meaning of the whole.
5. Explain the graphic tie-in by developing an analogy between your symbol and the quotation or event. (ex. Not "I drew this wrapped package because it answers all the remaining questions," but "Like a neatly wrapped package, the epilogue ties up all the loose ends.")
6. Title the front of each card above your quick-draw with an appropriate title for the quotes and drawing you have chosen.