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READING NOTES: WHAT/HOW/WHY Strategy

This tool will prepare you for writing your theses later on and it leads to deeper, more interesting discussions about texts. As you encounter questions or insights about the text, write them down on the right hand side and write down the quotation that provoked your thinking. Write at least 7 bullets.

- **WHAT?** What is going on in the text?

A question about the topic or incident to be examined.

- **HOW?** How does the author make this happen?

The means by which the text can be examined – relationships, thoughts, events that take place, actions, dialogue, and/or description in the text.

- **WHY?** Why might the author choose to write a text a certain way?

This is where your thoughts and interpretation of a topic come in, as you consider the “so what” aspect of the text.

Keep in mind: What is the relationship between the realistic and supernatural aspects of the story?

What the text says...	PAGE #	What I think...