# Strategies for responding critically to a text

Analytical Moves (inward-looking)

* Highlight an assumption of the author’s argument
* Make an observation about the structure of the text. How does one part relate to another part, or to the overall argument?
* Ask about something you found ambiguous or hard to understand
* Make us think carefully about the evidence the author uses to support their thesis
* Identify an apparent contradiction in the text
* Highlight a striking or unexpected phrase and talk about its effect

Analogical and extending moves (outward-looking)

* Ask about an implication of the author’s argument: if this is true, then…?
* Ask a comparative question about a related text or concept
* Offer an example or experience that provides further support for the author’s claims, reframes them, or complicates them