

# Thesis Machine

Author verb technique in order to verb big idea

verb	technique	verb	... of big idea
asserts	allusion	advocate...	age
characterizes	characters that face similar...	argue...	aristocracy
combines	characters that share...	assert...	beauty
creates	characters who must...	challenge...	being
depicts	characters who are...	classify...	change
describes	defamiliarization	communicate...	citizenship
emphasizes	diction	compare...	community
employs	direct address	consider...	control
exploits	false documents	define...	courage
focuses on	flashback	determine...	curiosity
invokes	flash-forward	develop...	custom or tradition
isolates	foreshadowing	dispute...	death
joins	genre elements	distinguish...	democracy
links	images of...	dramatize...	desire
portrays	magic realism	emphasize...	duty
presents	parody	evaluate...	equality
restricts	pathos	evolve...	existence
sets forth	personification	exploit...	family
simplifies	plots in which ...	explore...	fate
uses	plots that ...	find...	God
writes about	poetic justice	join...	good and evil
	satire	link...	government
	settings in which...	portray...	growing up
	settings that are...	prove...	happiness
	settings that...	reflect...	honor
	side story	represent...	humanity
	story within a story	represent...	individuality
	tone	restore...	injustice
		reveal...	
		show...	
		speculate...	
		symbolize...	
			integrity
			justice
			liberty
			life
			nature
			peace
			progress
			prudence
			punishment
			responsibility
			revolution
			sin
			slavery
			soul
			temperance
			(moderation; balance)
			time
			tragedy
			truth
			tyranny or despotism
			virtue and vice
			war
			wealth
			will
			wisdom
			work or labor
			youth

An example... John Steinbeck in *Of Mice and Men* writes about characters that face similar hardships in order to explore the good and evil of community.