Journal Questions

Listed below are some questions you can ask yourself to help you analyse your quotation. You should not answer all of them about each quotation, but rather choose one area of focus. You are also not limited to the questions below; they are simply thinking points for you.

1. How does the quotation reveal aspects of the character(s)? Consider the character(s) personality, motives, thoughts etc.
2. What does the quotation reveal about the theme or thesis of the book?
3. Does the quotation reveal an important symbol? How so?
4. Does the quotation reveal something interesting about the author’s writing style? Explain.
5. How does the quotation reveal the tone of the book? Why is that tone important?
6. Does the quotation reveal an important part of the plot? Explain why this part is significant.
7. Does the quotation reveal a conflict that is central to the book? Explain how the conflict is revealed and why it’s important.