Literary Passage Strategies

1. Read the blurb.
2. Scan a few questions for a character name, and/or line references that can be marked in the passage.
3. Actively read the passage, focusing on the WHO, the WHERE, and the WHAT.
4. Words and phrases in context –
   1. Cover up the choices
   2. Go back to the passage to fin the word or phrase
   3. Make up your own version of the word or phrase using context clues in the surrounding sentences
   4. Uncover the choices and find a match to your prediction in the choices
5. Analyzing purpose and citing textual evidence questions.
   1. Rephrase the first question using your own words. Try starting your version with How? What? or Why?
   2. Try answering the first question without using the second question or at least try and narrow the first question down to a few choices.
   3. See if one of the choices directly supports the answer to the previous question.
   4. If you are stuck on the first question, read each line reference after your own version of the first question.
6. Analyzing point of view
   1. Rephrase the question
   2. Consider positive vs. negative
   3. Use process of elimination