

What's the difference
between a quote's
MEANING and its
SIGNIFICANCE?

**MEANING – WHAT THE QUOTATION IS
ACTUALLY SAYING; THE INFO
CONTAINED IN THE QUOTE**

VS.

**SIGNIFICANCE – THE IMPORTANCE;
HOW OR WHY THE QUOTE IS
IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTANDING THE
PIECE OF LITERATURE**

STEP 1:

**Figure out who said the
quote.**

STEP 2:

Determine where and when the quote was said.

-Knowing this information may help you do discover the significance.

STEP 3:

Ask yourself some questions to help analyze the quote's significance.

-Does the quote give you new information about the setting or events of the story that you weren't aware of before?

-Does the quote tell you something about a character that you weren't aware of before?

More questions...

-Is the quote a moment in the story where the events or circumstances change? How does the quote relate to it?

-Is the quote a moment in the story where a character's fate is determined?

-Is the quote a moment in the story where a character is trying to do something very important? What is it? Why is the quote related to that?

-How is the meaning of the quote important in the larger picture of the story?

Now, let's practice:

“With school turning out more runners, jumpers, racers, tinkers, grabbers, snatchers, fliers, and swimmers instead of examiners, critics, knowers, and imaginative creators, the word ‘intellectual,’ of course, became the swear word it deserved to be.”

Speaker:

This quote is significant because.....

“There must be something in books, something we can't imagine, to make a woman stay in a burning house; there must be something there. You don't stay for nothing.”

Speaker:

This quote is significant because.....

“Everyone must leave something behind when he dies... It doesn't matter what you do, he said, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away. ”

Speaker:

This quote is significant because.....

“You're not like the others. I've seen a few; I know. When I talk, you look at me. When I said something about the moon, you looked at the moon, last night. The others would never do that.”

Speaker:

This quote is significant because.....

“It's not books you need, it's some of the things that once were it books....The same infinite detail and awareness could be projected through radios and televisions, but are not.”

Speaker:

This quote is significant because.....