

Potential **themes** for the passage?

- The relationship between literature and truth (can literature reveal truth?)
- The nature of time, and how time passes

Potential **claims** (smaller points for each paragraph)?

- Narration
 - The narrator uses imagery to show the passage of time (how the oak tree flowers and fades)
- Devices (personification and metaphor and simile)
- Truth can be altered through the use of language, that exposes the nature of literature as deceiving (“bedfellow” quote).

Potential **thesis** (overall argument)?

- What’s the larger argument you can make about your claims?