

english **121** toolbox

The Pencil (Active Reading)

Annotate Note Recurrences
Connect Re-Read

Nails (The Complex Claim)

Explicit Proposition
Risky, Relevant & Rich
“However” for Emphasis
“While” to Recognize Counters
“Therefore/Thus” to State It

Hammer (Evidence)

Explicit Data & Observations

Glue and Patch (Quotation Analysis)

1. Introduce It & Write It Down.
2. Explain It.
3. State the Implications.
4. Use It!

Tape Measure (Rhetorical Reading)

1. Identify the Situation

- For Whom?
- By Whom?
- How?
- To What Purpose?

2. Examine the Strategies

- Subject?
- Context?
- Genre?
- Motive?
- Assumptions?

3. Evaluate the Strategies

- Effective?
- What Could It Have Been?
- What Did You Learn?
- Who Cares?

Blueprint

Your assumptions? Your goal?
Your genre? Its conventions?
Your reader?

Your reader’s knowledge/expectations?
Why does your argument matter?

Argh! The MLA Inspector!

All things built are ultimately inspected. So cite your quotations, paraphrases, and summarizations, and don’t forget a works cited page!

Now let us build persuasive things.