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Of course, some of the points listed below will appear in weaker papers, but are unlikely to be developed.

1.

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- show an understanding of the situation or events portrayed
- comment on the use and effects of selected images, sentence structure and diction
- recognize the tension between father and son
- discuss the presentation and attitude of the narrator
- comment on the significance of “Rainbow” to the theme of the passage.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- discuss with greater precision the situation and the time frame of the extract
- reveal a more analytical understanding of the variety of imagery and structural devices, and their impact on the reader
- explore in more detail the family dynamics, including the mother
- discuss in greater depth the repeated use of the word “Rainbow”
- engage with the final five lines of the passage and their implications.

2.

An adequate to good literary commentary will:

- show an understanding of the nature of the poem (a meditation on communication stemming from an observation)
- discuss the progression of the thoughts in the poem
- explore the structure and form
- comment on the use and effect of the imagery
- comment on the relationship between language and knowing.

A very good to excellent literary commentary may also:

- identify and engage with the sense of fear and foreboding which pervades the poem
 - offer an interpretation of the impact of structure and form
 - analyse with more precision judiciously chosen examples of imagery
 - discuss the significance of the title and the final line in reference to the whole poem.
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