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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 guided literary analysis will:

- describe the basic situation of the classroom, including the qualities of some of the different characters
- identify and comment on some of the devices used in portraying the characters
- comment on the narrative perspective.

A very good to excellent guided literary analysis may also:

- analyse the situation of the classroom in greater detail, to include the nature of the relationship of old Joe Hunt and the students
- comment in greater detail on the devices used in characterization, linking specific implied character traits to particular details
- develop the discussion of narrative voice to show, among other things, the individuality of Finn
- discuss the role of humour and its contribution to tone in the passage.

2.

An adequate to good guided literary analysis will:

- discuss some of the links between the moon, the mother and the speaker
- show some awareness of the moon as a visitor
- comment on the use of imagery and how it contributes to the meaning.

A very good to excellent guided literary analysis may also:

- pay particular attention to the italicized lines, analyzing in detail how the speaker relates to both the moon and her mother
- discuss in greater detail the ways in which the imagery relating to the moon and the room conveys meaning
- comment on the structure and change of tone in the poem
- discuss the atmosphere and how it is created
- make some comment on the last two lines, which can be interpreted in different ways: candidates should be rewarded for the quality and consistency of their argument.