Helpful Acronyms

“Help! There is so much to remember when analyzing! What if I freeze and forget everything?”

Choose one of the following acronyms, memorize it, and use it as needed.

**TPCASTT:**

Title, Paraphrase, Connotation, Attitude, Shift, Title (again), Theme

**WILSON:**

What? Who? Where? Why? Ideas, Language, Structure, Opinion, Plan

**STEPUP:**

Subject, Theme, Emotions, Poetic Devices, Ur Response, Purpose

**SMILE:**

Structure, Meaning, Imagery, Language, Effect

**DIDLS:**

Diction, Imagery, Details, Language, Structure

**TSWIFT:**

Tone, Sound/Symbol/Shift, Word Choice, Imagery, Figurative Language, Theme

**SOAPSTone:**

Speaker, Occasion, Audience, Purpose, Subject, Tone

**SPERM (or MERPS):**

Social, Political, Economic, Religious, Military (perspectives)

**SIFTT:**

Symbols, Imagery, Figurative Language, Tone, Theme