

What you have to do with the docs (for each doc)

Group the docs	Categories	Look for common gists in the docs. Do the groupings answer the question in the prompt?	Use the groupings to create the X, Y, & Z of the thesis - now you know that you can prove your thesis.
Demonstrate understanding	Gist	Show the reader you understand the doc by summarizing their idea the in your own words .	Use the format: <i>Author asserts gist (doc#).</i>
Use the document to support the thesis.	Analysis	Explain to the reader (elaborate) how the gist proves the point you made in the topic sentence.	...therefore... ...this means that... This demonstrates... This shows... This highlights...
Explain why the author might have said what he/she did say.	Why did this person make this statement at this time? Occasion Audience Purpose	You must add something to the analysis. You can't just say that he/she just wanted to explain the gist to people. Audience can't just be whoever read the doc.	Author was trying to convince... Author was attempting to show that... Author was supporting ...