

“The Big Twelve”

ANALYZE = break down

COMPARE = give similarities; how alike

CONTRAST = give differences

DESCRIBE = talk about features, details, and characteristics

EVALUATE = look at information and make a judgment

EXPLAIN = talk about uses or functions

FORMULATE = develop; come up with something

INFER = read between the lines

PREDICT = What do you think will happen?

SUMMARIZE = putting it all together; give the main points

SUPPORT = back up with evidence

TRACE = give the history, point-by-point