OUTCOME: Discern

TARGET: Selects relevant and appropriate text evidence

How do strong writers DISCERN the most appropriate and relevant evidence in order to support their claim?  
  
Mind Spark:

Detectives often anticipate the kind of evidence that will help them solve their case. They might not know exactly what they’re looking for, but they have an idea.  
  
  
New Vocabulary

Anticipate: Expect / Predict

**Guided Practice: Anticipating Relevant Evidence**

Thesis: Dogs are bad pets  
  
Type of evidence that will be helpful  
Find evidence that shows dog food is expensive  
  
Actual Evidence  
Dog food for a small dog costs $85  
A month. That's $1020 a year!  
  
  
Type of evidence that will be helpful  
Find evidence that shows …

Actual Evidence

**Model of Discerning Relevant Text Evidence to Support a Thesis**

Text: The Stolen Party  
  
Thesis: Herminia wants to protect Rosaura from uncovering the truth that the upper class does not see her as an equal. However, Herminia understands that in order for Rosaura to gain a true understanding of the world, she must discover the painful effects of class prejudice.  
  
Type of evidence that will be helpful from the **beginning** of the text: Find evidence that shows how highly Rosaura thinks of Luciana and her family and how Herminia doesn't want her to go to the party.

Evidence

I’m going because I’ve been invited," she said. "And I’ve

been invited because Luciana is my friend. So there."

"Ah yes, your friend," her mother grumbled. She paused.

"Listen, Rosaura," she said at last. "That one’s not your

friend. You know what you are to them? The maid’s

daughter, that’s what."

Type of evidence that will be helpful from the **middle** of the text: Find evidence that shows how Rosaura is slowly starting to understand the differences between her and the other kids while she's at the party.

Evidence

“I and Luciana do our homework together," said Rosaura, very seriously.

The girl with the bow shrugged her shoulders.

"That's not being friends," she said.”

“… when no one was looking she [ Rosaura] kicked her in the shin.”

Type of Evidence that will be helpful from the end of the text: A scene where Rosaura's character change is clear- a moment of painful realization.

Evidence

For an instant, Rosaura thought that she'd give her two presents: the bracelet and the yo-yo

Senora Ines didn't look in the pink bag. Nor did she look in the blue bag. Instead she rummaged in her purse. In her hand appeared two bills.

"You really and truly earned this," she said handing them over. "Thank you for all your help, my pet."

Rosaura … Instinctively… pressed herself against her mother's body… [her] eyes had a cold, clear look that fixed itself on Senora Ines's face.

Task:  Complete an outline for your essay by anticipating and finding the strongest evidence for your thesis. Use the organizer below to guide you. Due when we return from break.  
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Write Your Thesis:

Type of evidence that will be helpful from the **beginning** of the text: Find evidence that shows…

Actual evidence+ Page

Analysis Notes/ Bullets ( How does this evidence help support your claim?)

Type of evidence that will be helpful from the **middle** of the text: Find evidence that shows …

Actual evidence + Page

Analysis Notes/ Bullets ( How does this evidence help support your claim?)

Type of Evidence that will be helpful from the end of the text: Find a scene that shows…

Actual evidence + Page

Analysis Notes/ Bullets( How does this evidence help support your claim?)