**Commentary and Analysis**

**Paraphrasing vs. Commentary**

* Paraphrasing is simply retelling what happened in your own words or explaining what the text says**. Commentary** is elaborating on and explaining how it is said, why it is important, why it is relevant, and how it connects to the world.

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| **Elements of Commentary** | **Your Commentary** | **What makes you say that?** |
| **Opinion**  *(how can this be described?)* |  |  |
| ***Interpretation*** *(what does this mean and/or represent?)* |  |  |
| **Insight**  *(why is this important or relevant?)* |  |  |
| **Reaction**  *(how does this connect to something else?)* |  |  |