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Analyzing is breaking down a topic or subject into parts so that it is easier to understand.

You use analysis when you

- study the good moves of an outstanding athlete
- pick out a new hairstyle or go shopping for new clothes
- learn the rules for a new game or learn how to use new software

What are some other situations when you might use analysis?

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Cluster Question: What makes a hero?

Directions: One way to analyze a hero is to identify the hero's strongest actions, attitudes, and abilities. Analyze the anonymous hero in "The Man in the Water." Complete the rest of the activity by describing that hero's actions, attitudes, and abilities.

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| Actions | | | |
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| Attitudes | | | |
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| Abilities | | | |
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As you read the selections in this cluster, watch for other heroic actions, attitudes, and abilities.

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Your responses may look like this.

Action: giving up the chance of rescue to save others

Attitudes: calmness in the face of danger; putting the welfare of others ahead of his own

Abilities: no special skills demonstrated; shows the heroic potential in everyone