

**Question**

**Interpret & Evaluate: What does the ocean represent in the short film "Piper"?**

In the statement/  
topic sentence,  
the writer is  
restating the  
question and  
providing  
their position:  
an interpretation  
& an evaluation  
that answers the  
question

Statement + Evidence + Explanation

interpretation  
(symbol)

evaluation  
(theme)

In "Piper" the ocean represents an obstacle, teaching viewers that we must

face our fears in order to find success. This symbolism is shown and developed

through Piper's various interactions with the ocean. For instance, when Piper first

approaches the shoreline to find food, she is hit by a giant wave. Following this, Piper

retreats each time she sees a wave roll in. Unfortunately for Piper, the ocean is her

only source of food. Thus, as her hunger increases, she realizes she must journey back

to the ocean in order to feed herself. In doing so, she observes how the small crabs

navigate the dangers of the shoreline by facing the rough waves head on;

accordingly, she discovers that in order to stay safe she can burrow herself in the

sand when waves roll in. Upon examining these events deeper, it is evident that the inference/interpretation/and connects it back to a specific example (example #1). incident with the ocean instills great fear in Piper. She not only retreats when

observing the waves, but she avoids the ocean altogether. Consequently, her fear

inference/interpretation/and connects it back to a specific example (example #2). has created an obstacle to her survival. Motivated by both hunger and curiosity, she

quickly realizes she must face her fears to survive and goes back to the ocean. With inference/interpretation/and connects it back to a specific example (example #3). the knowledge she gains from the crabs, who do not retreat nor evacuate the

shoreline but lean into the waves, she is able to effectively navigate the shoreline

and her confidence grows. She is then successful in safely traversing the waves,

gathering food for herself and others, and replacing her fear with confidence. This

experience teaches Piper, and the viewers, that you cannot allow your fear to

become an obstacle; in order to find success, you must instead face your fears

directly. << Concluding Sentence:  
Restate the original position from your statement/topic sentence  
\*\*\*do not copy word for word. Please rephrase.

Transition  
from the  
statement  
into the  
evidence

In the  
evidence,  
the writer  
is paraphrasing/  
summarizing  
the action of  
the story, focusing  
on the details  
that support  
their statment  
(no inference,  
no interpretation,  
nor evaluation).  
Just description.

evidence/example #1

evidence/example #2

evidence/example #3

transition from evidence to explanation

In the  
explanation;  
the writer  
provides  
inferences,  
interpretations,  
and/or  
evaluations  
of the  
actions/details  
summarized/  
described  
above.

This explains  
how the  
evidence  
connects to  
and proves  
the statement.