

Reading Lesson: “First Kiss” Chapter

1. Put terms on the board. Draw and review the P.O.V. chart (if necessary).
2. While reading the chapter, pause to go over terms. (See lesson below.)

Term	Definition	Explanation
Inference	The process of drawing logical conclusions from premises known or assumed to be true.	This is where science meets language arts class. This is like the scientific method where you make educated guesses or hypotheses. Just like when you watch a movie and you try to predict what will happen next, you do the same thing in reading. Let's predict what will happen in this story based on the title only.
Point of View	The perspective from which the text is written.	(Point to the chart.) Let's read the first sentence and find the pronoun clues that tell us the point-of-view. Reading on to paragraph 4, can you tell the perspective of the book?
Author's Purpose	The reason why the author wrote the piece.	Now, let's pause the story right here and leave Chloe and Rob in the woods for a second and focus on purpose. The purpose of most writing is either to inform, persuade, or entertain. Fiction is usually written to entertain. Now you may think the author's purpose is to torture you, and it certainly seems the case when you are reading standardized testing passages, but then again, it's a thankless job. No one sends those writers any praise. They don't get notes saying, “Because of your riveting piece on root canals, I'm convinced I should get one.”
Tone	A writer's attitude toward the subject.	Hmm, did you notice the change in my tone right there? Yes, I went from being informative to somewhat sarcastic. Tone is...(go over definition). Tone is easier to understand in speaking.

		We can hear it and see it on a person's face. But it can be hard to detect in writing. Like when you text. That is why they have a plethora of smiley faces to convey it. And for someone like me whose first language is sarcasm, it surely helps. Let's read on and listen to the tone of both characters.
Flashback	A shift in a narrative to an earlier event that interrupts the normal chronological development of a story.	Stop at "kiss" flashback. Flashbacks are like time traveling, and while we cannot do this in real life, authors use this technique all the time. Why do authors use flashbacks rather than go chronologically through the piece?
Theme	The main idea of a text.	After reading, go over theme. In young adult fiction, the main idea is often end of innocence or coming of age. There are struggles that all adolescents face—ones you cannot avoid like puberty. But each young person also has his own personal trials or tribulations: coping with divorce, self-esteem, depression, drugs, alcohol, poor grades, etc. What might be the theme for this chapter? Cite an example or two from the text to support it. Think, Pair, Share.

Cause and Effect:

What causes Chloe to tell the truth after all the years?

What is the effect on Rob? What might be the effect on their relationship?