Analysis (commentary) means that you explain your opinion or interpretation (*to understand according to one's own sensitivity*), insight, reflection, personal response / feelings, and/or evaluation about specific textual support (a quote or concrete detail). You, the writer, are commenting on a point you are making by explaining why/how the detail proves or clarifies the thesis and the concrete detail. Provide elaboration, development, and more examples of the concrete detail. Some more clues words to help you include

**Analyze** - break down or separate a problem or situation into separate factors and/or relationships. Draw a conclusion, make a judgment, or make clear the relationship you see based on your breakdown

**Critique** - a criticism or critical comment on some subject

**Illustrate** - to make clear or intelligible, as by examples or analogies (One thing is inferred to be similar to another thing in a certain respect, on the basis of the known similarity between the things in other respects.)

Remember, *analytical* writing never includes the words I think, I feel, I believe, etc. Always use present tense verbs when analyzing to be as persuasive as possible.