SAT Prep: Close reading

**Literature passage**: As you read a piece of literature, think about some key elements of fiction:

Characterization, mood, conflict, irony, setting, plot (especially a climax or turning point), other lit elements

**Note the context**🡪this helps you to know whether you are reading fiction or nonfiction. Here, it gives info about setting (both time and place). That can help your understanding of the passage!

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**Plot:** Review lines 1 through 22. Paraphrase the plot; what has just happened?

Detail (characterization): What does that reveal about Akira?



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Detail (characterization): How does Akira treat Chie? Why?



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Detail (plot/characterization): How/why is that line significant?

Detail (plot/characterization): Why is Akira so concerned about time?



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Foreshadow: Return to the passage and highlight in blue one detail that hints at Naomi’s interest in making Akira her husband.

