How to Analyze a Comic (Third Read)

Instructions: Read the comic you have been assigned for a third time. On this read, respond to the prompts below to capture information that helps you analyze the text and visuals in the comic.

Refugee’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

1. Analyze Illustrations

Find two illustrations that show an individual character’s response to an event or situation (examples: a facial expression, a body position, etc.). Either cut out the panels with these illustrations and paste them below, or jot notes directly onto the panels in the comic strip.

What do these illustrations show about the character’s emotions and experience at this moment? Zoom in to note as many visual details as you can.

2. Analyze Words

Find two thought bubbles, word balloons, or pieces of first-person narration that show a character’s inner thoughts and emotions. Either write key phrases from the text in the space below, or jot notes directly onto the panels in the comic strip.

What do these words tell you about the character’s emotions and thoughts at this moment?
3. Analyze Tone

a. Identify the tone of the comic as a whole or of a certain part of the comic. Examples of words that describe tone include: hopeful, joyful, devastating, terrifying, uncertain, etc.

The tone of this comic is ________________________________.

b. Find elements of the comic that help create the tone you identified. Some elements to look for include: illustrations, shading, words, size and style of lettering, and lines that show movement or sound. Either cut out the panels with these elements and paste them below, describe the elements in the space below, or jot notes directly onto the panels in the comic strip.

How do these elements help create the tone you identified?