**Based On Meltzer Critical Reading Lesson #1**

**Vocabulary**

1. **Spur - to encourage an activity or development or make it happen faster.**

Sentence example - Rising consumer sales have the effect of spurring the economy to faster growth.

1. **Incubates - When a bird, etc. incubates its eggs, it keeps them warm until the young come out, and when eggs incubate, they develop to the stage at which the young come out.**

Sentence example - The female bird incubates the eggs for about 16 days.

1. **Deprive - to take something, especially something necessary or pleasant, away from someone.**

Sentence example - He claimed that he had been deprived of his freedom/rights.

1. **Necrotic - (of cell tissues) dying.**

Sentence example - Maggots eat away necrotic tissues.

1. **Afflict - If a problem or illness afflicts a person or thing, they suffer from it.**

Sentence example - It is an illness that afflicts women more than men.

1. **Compelled - having to do something, because you are forced to or feel it is necessary.**

Sentence example - He felt compelled to report the incident.

1. **Contagion - the situation in which a disease is spread by touching someone or something.**

Sentence example - The doctor says there's no chance/danger of contagion.

1. **Aspect - one part of a situation, problem, subject, etc.**

Sentence example - Which aspects of the job do you most enjoy?

1. **Sliver - a very small, thin piece of something, usually broken off something larger.**

Sentence example - Just a sliver of cake for me, please - I shouldn't really be having any.

1. **Compact - consisting of parts that are positioned together closely or in a tidy way, using very little space.**

Sentence example - What a compact office! How did you fit so much into so little space?