

Analogy

Comparing one thing to another for the purpose of explanation.

“Cell phones have their own history of evolution, from the brutish, clunky bag phone of the mid-90s, to the portable-computers in today’s smart phones. But if the **analogy** holds true, we might ask if ‘evolved’ always means ‘better,’ as these new devices often leave people hunching over them for hours like Neanderthals over a fire, communicating in clipped, simplistic texts.”



Look for opportunities where an analogy would reveal something important, or hard to see, about the text and its ideas.