* Remember in observation your main concern is what do I see. Pay special attention to terms and grammatical structure.

Observational Questions:

1. Who is the author of the passage?
2. Whom is the author addressing?
3. What is the most important term/concept of the passage?
4. What are the main verbs? What are the verbs tense?
5. Are there terms you need to define?
6. Are there people or places you need to identify?
7. Can you identify any cause-effect relationships?
8. In what way(s) does the passage apply to your own personal life?
9. Let’s look at Psalms 93:1. KJV

The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

1. What would you say is the main theme of this verse?
2. What words or phrases are repeated?
3. God is described by the term “majesty and strength” what connection, if any do these terms have?
4. Why did the author suddenly move from describing the Lord to writing about the world?
5. Does this verse evoke any positive feelings for you?
6. Read 1John 3:12 and practice your observation skills.
* Look for more significance in the author, the context, and the people mentioned. Whenever a verse begins in midsentence you should take note of what precedes it.
1. Read Gen 4:1-16.

What new insight does this shed on the verse?

1. Determine why this verse is dropped into the center of a chapter focusing on God’s love.

**Think of examples in your own life in which you see a contrast between righteous and evil actions and the consequences that resulted.**

1. When in your own life have you acted as Cain did?
2. When have you suffered as Abel did?
3. How does this verse speak to each of those situations?