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## SAMPLE THINK-ALOUD

Lesson 3. Noticing Key Details:  
Practice in Miniature

### Movie Review: *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (Excerpt)

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It's perhaps appropriate that the summer movie season kicks off with *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. It checks all the right boxes: It's long, loud, larded with effects and sporadically witty, and it sets up events for yet another sequel.

What it doesn't have is any sense of going above and beyond.

*This is a direct statement: Good movies go above and beyond, and this review directly states that this movie just doesn't do that.*

Unlike some other entries in the Marvel universe—the first *Iron Man*, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, or even the original *Avengers*—it doesn't transcend its boundaries.

*Here the author is making another direct statement: Good movies transcend their boundaries and go beyond the expected.*

Fans of the franchise will be pleased, but those looking in from the outside of comic-book culture may find themselves also looking at their watches.

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