A bright, sunny outdoor plaza with large trees and people sitting on concrete benches. The scene is filled with green foliage and dappled sunlight on the paved ground. The text is overlaid in a bold, pink, stencil-style font.

**THE SCIENCE AND
ART OF
INTERPRETATION**

**GRAMMATICAL-
HISTORICAL-
CONTEXTUAL
METHOD**

or

“Literal Method”

ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES

1. Linguistic **4. Cultural**

2. Contextual

3. Historical

CULTURAL

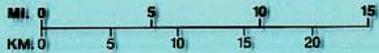
Cultural setting
contributes to meaning



CULTURE

1. Geography

- city
- city (uncertain location)



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CULTURE

1. Geography

2. Politics

3. Sociology

4. Economy

5. Agriculture

6. Religion

7. Legal

8. Architecture

9. Military

ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES



1. Linguistic **4. Cultural**

2. Contextual **5. Metaphorical**

3. Historical

METAPHORICAL

Interpret according to
appropriate metaphorical
conventions



FIGURES - Kinds

1. Symbols



SYMBOLS

$$E = MC^2$$

$$V = d/t$$

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$A = v/t$$



$$\tan \theta = y/x$$



SYMBOLS

1. Object = Symbol

2. Referent = What is Referred

3. Meaning = Resemblance

INTERPRETING

SYMBOLS

- 1. Definite Meaning**
- 2. Bible Interprets**
- 3. Few Un-interpreted**
- 4. Possibility of Multiple Uses**

FIGURES - Kinds

1. Symbols

2. Comparisons



COMPARISON

❖ Simile - explicit

❖ Metaphor - implicit

FIGURES - Kinds

1. Symbols
2. Comparisons
3. Substitutions



SUBSTITUTION

- **Personification** - personality
- **Anthropomorphism** - humanity
- **Metonymy** - substitution
- **Hendiadys** - coordinate
- **Merism** - totality
- **Euphemism** - indirect