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[POSSIBLE TOPICS MIGHT INCLUDE]

- Interpretation in the philosophy of language
- Incommensurability
- Interpretation in science
- Interpretation and history
- Interpretation in the philosophy of literature
- Interpretation and action
- Interpretation and meaning
- Aesthetic interpretation

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