

English 12 2nd Semester Exam (100 points)

I. Literary Terms (20)

Define the following terms:

1. Conflict
2. Irony
3. Blank verse
4. Free verse
5. Connotation
6. Denotation
7. Epic
8. Metaphor
9. Simile
10. Pun
11. Personification
12. Symbolism
13. Paradox
14. Tone
15. Oxymoron
16. Hyperbole
17. Imagery
18. Allusion
19. Analogy
20. Mood

II. Literary Device Application (5)

Be prepared to apply or identify the above devices in song lyrics.

III. Shakespeare (5)

Be familiar with basic information regarding Shakespeare's life and theatre (married, kids, acting, writing, theatre owner, etc.)

IV. *Macbeth* (10)

Understand the plot and apply concepts like paradox, clothing imagery, blood symbolism, role reversal, and theme.

V. Research Paper Process (5)

Be able to identify correct punctuation in a MLA citation for a book and an Internet source. Be able to construct a thesis or topic sentences regarding a topic. Understand correct parenthetical citation structure.

VI. *Frankenstein* (10)

Understand the plot and apply themes to current science and technology topics. You will be able to use the book on the test.

VII. Literary Periods (5)

Understand and identify the major characteristic differences in the Renaissance, the Neoclassical, and the Romantic period. Look through the background and find bulleted lists of traits and make comparison among the three.

VIII. Satire (5)

Be able to identify satirical devices such as overstatement, sarcasm, satire, and parody. Also recall the basic plot and motivation for “A Modest Proposal” by Jonathan Swift.

IX. Romantic poets and poetry (5)

Recall basic thematic properties of Romantic poetry, identify major authors (Blake, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Shelley, Keats), identify and/or explain author’s styles within poetry. (Byronic hero, Age of Innocence/ Experience, etc.)

X. Dystopian Novels (10)

Identify the terms dystopia and utopia. Apply knowledge from your respective book to answer plot and theme related questions. (Each book will have its own set of questions, so you only have to know the one your group read)

XI. Reflective and Expository Essay Writing (20)

Write an organized response to the following prompt:

Some people feel that the public school system does not adequately prepare students for the real world. Identify one improvement you think schools need to make in order to better prepare students for life after high school. Write a letter to the school board in which you describe this improvement and explain why it is needed.