

Spring 2012 Final Exam Study Guide

The VMHS English department has created grade-level final exams for our students. The items listed below are all included on the final exam. We will cover some of these items in class. In preparation for your final exam, you should study these items at home as well.

I. Written and Oral English Language Conventions

- a. use of commas
- b. misplaced modifiers
- c. run-on sentences
- d. parallel structure
- e. active voice (see verbs)
- f. main clauses
- g. compound sentences
- h. subordinate clauses
- i. fragments

II. Writing Strategies

- a. topic sentences
- b. support sentences/concrete details
- c. essay types: narrative, response to literature, persuasive and descriptive
- d. annotated bibliography
- e. audience
- f. author's purpose

III. Rhetorical Devices and Literature Terms

- a. metaphor
- b. analogy
- c. allusion
- d. parallelism
- e. emotional appeal
- f. assonance
- g. rhetorical question
- h. irony
- i. personification
- j. symbolism
- k. allusion
- l. onomatopoeia
- m. hyperbole
- n. bandwagon
- o. red herring
- p. circular reasoning
- q. false analogy
- r. straw man/oversimplifying
- s. appeal to authority
- t. appeal to reason
- u. appeal to ethics

IV. Word Analysis, Fluency and Systematic Vocabulary

Roots

- a. jud, jur, jus
- b. cardi
- c. var
- d. sum
- e. morph
- f. cogni
- g. poli
- h. path

Prefixes and Suffixes

- a. neur-
- b. octo-
- c. meta-
- d. -ology
- e. -gram

IV. Literary Response and Analysis

Be able to read short poems, stories and other written items. Demonstrate comprehension of the author's purpose and content.

Time Periods of Literary Movements

- a. Modernism
- b. Romanticism
- c. Realism