

English 9
Midterm Study Guide, Semester 1, 2018

Ideas to know

1. Literary Elements: Define and identify each element in a story.
 - a. Plot
 - b. Characters
 - c. Characterization
 - d. Theme
 - e. Conflict
 - f. Point of View
2. Theme: Know how to-
 - a. Define it
 - b. Find it in a story
 - c. Provide evidence for your theme
3. Literary Devices
 - a. Review glossary list in binder. Know how to use them. Know how to identify them
 - b. Flashback
 - c. Foreshadowing
 - d. Figurative Language
 - i. Metaphor
 - ii. Hyperbole
 - iii. Simile
 - iv. Personification
 - v.
 - vi. Onomatopoeia
 - vii. Imagery
4. Plot Elements: Explain what each is and how it makes a story more interesting. Know how to plot a story.
 - a. Setting
 - b. Rising Action
 - c. Climax
 - d. Falling Action
 - e. Conclusion
5. Conflict Types: Explain what each means and know how to identify it in a story.
 - a. Character vs. Character
 - b. Character vs. Self
 - c. Character vs. Nature
 - d. Character vs. society
6. Point of View: Know how to define each type. Know how to identify each type. Know the advantages and disadvantages of each. Explain when to use each type.
 - a. First person
 - b. Second Person

- c. Third Objective
 - d. Third Limited
 - e. Third Omniscient
7. Characterization: Explain DIRECT vs. INDIRECT. Explain how each of the following methods can be used to develop a character
 - a. **Speech**
 - b. **Thoughts or Feelings**
 - c. **Effect on others**
 - d. **Actions**
 - e. **Looks or appearance**
8. Characters
 - a. Types of Characters and their characteristics
 - b. Flat/Round
 - c. Dynamic/Static
 - d. Hero/Antihero
 - e. Protagonist/Antagonist

Stories: Know the plot and be able to explain in terms of literary elements and devices:

1. A Sound of Thunder
2. All Summer in a Day
3. The Gift of the Magi
4. Daughter of Invention
5. Fireflies
6. Owl Moon

Tuesdays with Morrie

1. Aphorisms
2. Plot
3. Themes
4. Characters—their motivations, personalities:
 - a. Mitch
 - b. Morrie