

English 112: Semester Exam Review Sheet

Reading Comprehension and Writing Skills- Reading selections and questions

Context clues - finding details in passages

- recognizing the author's attitude (tone) toward the subject
- The importance of the title and its relationship to the story
- The contrast of the characters to one another

Defining words based on their use in the selection

- denotation v. connotation; parts of speech; function in the sentence

Revising passages for effectiveness

Analyzing purpose and intended audience

Interpreting meaning of the story and included details

The Epic (the *Odyssey*)

Epic poetry (definition)

Homer

Iliad and *Odyssey* (& relationship)

Epithet (formulaic writing)

Hero (traits of archetypal hero and cycle)

Homeric (heroic or epic) simile

Irony (all types)

Minstrels and Rhapsodes

Myths (definition and purpose)

Oral tradition (purpose)

Personification

* Archetype notes and the archetypal hero notes: Take time to review the hero cycle, ideas of the archetypal hero, and the idea of archetypes (characters, colors, situations, etc.) in general.

Literature terms (Fiction and Nonfiction)

Short story—traits of, definition of

Alliteration

Allusion

Attitude (tone)

Characterization

Setting - purpose of

- time, place & beliefs

Conflict

- All five types

Connotation and Denotation

Exaggeration

Plot - stages of

Figurative language

Flashback

Static v. dynamic characters

Genre

Understatement

Irony

Motif

Point of View - narrator

- First person

- Third person omniscient

- Third person limited

Foreshadowing

Subplot

Theme (v. topic)

Suspense

Symbol/symbolism

MLA

Basic formatting rules for your document (titles, margins, font, etc)

Headers v. heading (Where are they located? What information goes in each?)

In-text citations (correct formatting)

The Alchemist (novel), *Life of Pi (film)*, and *The Metamorphosis (novella)*

What were the authors' purposes?

What were some of the important ideas they wanted to convey?

Also review: Setting Motif Themes Symbols Genre