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8th Grade Language Arts Midterm Exam Study Guide

The following concepts will be on your language arts midterm exam. In order to be best prepared for the exam, it is best to study old tests, quizzes, class notes, graphic organizers, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Vocabulary

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6
adage	antics	allot	annul	aghost	abashed
bonanza	avowed	comply	blasé	cower	bask
churlish	banter	devoid	deplore	disdain	defect
decree	bountiful	elite	muster	ethical	flaunt
evolve	enterprising	grapple	obsess	facetious	genial
grope	frugal	instigate	peruse	inaudible	instill
plaudits	glut	myriad	promontory	jurisdiction	ostracize
revert	legendary	perspective	qualm	plausible	purge
servile	oblique	skittish	solicitous	sequel	rehabilitate
vigil	veer	willful	staid	volatile	scapegoat

Grammar

- simple and compound sentences
- independent and dependent clauses
- nouns (ch 2)
- fragments
- run on sentences
- punctuation (ch 11)

Reading

- "Raymond's Run"
- "Stop the Sun"
- "A Mother in Mannville"
- "The Ransom of Red Chief"
- 5 elements of a short story

Writing

Students will be asked to write a 1-2 paragraph essay on one of the following topics:

- Mrs. Ripley must cut the funding for several field trips this year at St. Pius. In an essay (NOT a letter), explain why she should spare your class's trip.
 - Spelling, grammar, and punctuation count in this essay!