

Study Guide: English II (Regulars)

The semester test will consist of a selection of multiple choice questions, as well as a few short answer questions. This guide will help you review the content of our course, which will prepare you for both parts of the test. **You can use this to create a notecard to use on your test (must turn in notecard at the end of the test).**

Texts to Know :

- ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian***

1. What is the name of the main character? _____
2. Where does he live? (don't need specific town) _____
3. What is his favorite way to express himself and why?

4. Why does he say he lives in Two Worlds?

5. What are some of the themes explored in the novel? (may have to look these up)

6. Why is basketball such an important part of his life?

7. How did the main character change over the course of the novel?

- ***To Kill a Mockingbird***

1. Who is the main character (narrator)? What is her name? _____
2. Who in the novel are considered "mockingbirds"?

3. What is the central message of the novel?

4. Who was Emmett Till? What happened to him during the 1950s? Where did this happen?

5. How did the main character change over the course of the novel?

6. What are some of the themes explored in the novel? (may have to look these up)

• ***Taming of the Shrew***

1. Which character is the shrew from the title of the play and why?

2. What role do disguises play in *Taming of the Shrew* and what commentary does Shakespeare make about them?

3. What is Petruchio's ultimate goal during the course of the play and why?

4. What are some of the themes explored in the play? (may have to look these up)

5. How did the main character change over the course of the play?

6. How does Shakespeare portray gender roles in this play? Bring in examples.

Concepts :

1. Define the following terms and give one example of each:

- a. Theme _____

- b. Imagery _____

- c. Dialogue _____

Writing Elements :

Here’s a short list of elements of writing we have discussed throughout this semester and the year. Be sure to know what each part is, as well as the significance. Review elements of the research process as well.

- TEAL
- Hook
- Thesis
- Topic Sentence
- Link Sentence
- Evidence
- Analysis
- Conclusion
- Works Cited page
- MLA Heading
- Header
- Parenthetical (In-text) Citations
- Font
- Formatting
- Elements of Formal Writing
- Argumentative Writing
- Punctuation

Other Miscellaneous Elements :

Here’s a short list of other elements we have discussed throughout this semester. Be sure to know what each is.

- Shakespeare Background
- Shakespeare Sonnets
- Interview Skills – Look over resources on my website (*True Diary* tab)
- Everyday Words – Bases: Odor; Mit(t), Mis(s); Sanguin (Sang); Prim; Alien; Tang (Ting), Tact (Tag); Sec (Seg), Sect