

English Literature Semester II Final Exam Study Guide

Know the location of the following countries:

- England
- Ireland
- Scotland
- Wales

Renaissance and 17th Century

Authors/Works

- **Ben Jonson**-On My First Son
- **Robert Herrick**-To the Virgins: addressed to whom? symbols of time? type? theme?
- **Sir John Suckling**-Constant Lover – tone and theme
- **Richard Lovelace**-To Lucasta

Know

- Dates for time periods
- Historical events (17th century notes)
- Sonnet types and “creators”
- Cavalier poets-who, what qualities attributed to them?
- Sons of Ben
- Metaphysical poets-who, what qualities attributed to them?
- School of Donne
- Puritan Poets

Translate

- Carpe Diem
- Tempus Fugit
- Memento Mori
- Renaissance Man

Restoration Period

John Milton

Paradise Lost

- Purpose for writing
- Symbols
- Rhyme scheme
- Theme

Jonathan Swift

A Modest Proposal

- Tone of title
- Tone of writing

- Purpose of writing
- Solution to problem

Gulliver's Travels

- Purpose of writing
- King Brobdingnag's impression of England

Joseph Addison

The Spectator

- Style of writing
- Goal of writing
- Country Manners
- On Courtship and Marriage
- Advantages of Marriage

William Defoe - Journal of the Plague Year

Alexander Pope - An Essay on Man

Samuel Johnson

The Preface to a Dictionary of the English Language

- Author's tone
- Theme
- English language compared to ...

A Dictionary of the English Language

- "low word"
- What denotes a word as a verb?

Robert Burns

To a Mouse

- Theme
- Poet's attitude toward mouse

To a Louse

- theme

William Blake

The Lamb

- lamb is symbolic of ...
- theme

The Tyger.

- Central image

A Poison Tree

- Apple is symbolic of ...

The Romantic Age

William Wordsworth

- My heart leaps up...
 - What does "the Child is the father of man" mean?

- What is the author's hope?

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Kubla Khan

- What element makes this a Romantic poem?
- How does the dome exist?
- Speaker's attitude toward the dome?

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

- Theme
- Mariner's tone
- Mariner's penance

Victorian Age

Lord Alfred Tennyson's "The Lady of Shalott"

Modern Age

James Joyce's Araby

Know the following terms

- Alliteration
- Paradox
- Heroic couplet
- Dialect
- Lyric poem
- Imagery
- Apostrophe
- Sonnet
- Stanza
- Octave
- Sestet
- Quatrain
- Couplet
- Lyric poem
- Meter
- Tetrameter
- Pentameter
- Iamb
- Foot
- Allegory
- Conceit

Possible Essay Questions

1. Select an author or poet studied during second semester and discuss how his personal background influenced the literature he wrote. Give specific examples that connect his personal life to his literature.

2. Write a brief summary of “Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” Discuss the theme(s), symbolism, and imagery present in the poem. Be sure to include specific examples from the poem.
3. Discuss how the Romantic poets we read embody the ideals of their movement. Include the characteristics of the Romantic movement, as well as the socio-political influences present during this period.
4. Compare John Gardner’s *Grendel* with Beowulf. Describe, in detail, the similarities and/or differences.
5. What is satire? What are the different kinds of satire? What is the purpose? Using Swift as an example, explain how he used satire.
6. Evaluate your education at Coronado High School. Please include a thoughtful analysis of all aspects of your time spent at CHS. What were both the positive and negative components? If you had your high school years to live over again, what would you change?