

Study Guide for PI ELS  
Unit test: Tuesday, Oct. 21  
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**Vocabulary:**

*The following sentences are examples of your vocabulary words used correctly.*

Kyle was **lunging** at his opponent when he slipped.

Nick wrote so much that by the end of the day his pencil was worn to a **nub**.

He **slung** his backpack over a branch of a tree to keep it from the bears.

The bird's eggs were **speckled** as camouflage.

The dogs were **romping** happily through the long grass.

**Types of sentences:**

Know the four types of sentences:

**Declarative**- makes a statement: *Garfield loves to eat lasagna.*

**Interrogative**- asks a question: *Do you have a bicycle?*

**Exclamatory**- shows strong feelings: *Wow! That's a great game!*

**Imperative** – gives a command: *Close the door.*

**Genre:** Old Yeller is considered historical fiction because it takes place in a time period in the past.

**Setting:** is the time and place that a story takes place. Old Yeller takes place in the Texas frontier in the 1870's. The setting can influence the characters and plot.

**Character traits** – what a person is like. An author often shows the reader what the characters are like by describing a character's actions or by the words that a character says. For example, Old Yeller attacks the mother bear, showing that he is **protective** of Arliss and **loyal** to the family.

Your test will also have a short reading passage in which you will need to identify the main idea and supporting details.