

Saint Mary's School

Language Arts Midterm Examination

6th Grade Study Guide

The midterm examination of Language Arts and Reading will comprise two sections; grammar and reading comprehension. Information on these topics will be found in the *Comprehension and Language Arts Skills* workbook. The English grammar text by Houghton Mifflin will provide additional information for the students. A copy of this text will be given to each student before the examination.

Grammar and Usage

Verbs

Subject-verb agreement

Action and linking verbs

Nouns

Common and proper

Concrete and abstract nouns

Pronouns

Pronoun and antecedent

Subject and object pronouns

Pronoun Agreement

Sentences

Simple subject and predicate

Complete subject and predicate

Kinds of sentences

Simple, compound and complex sentences.

Punctuation and Capitalization

End Marks (period, exclamation & question marks)

Quotation marks

Commas

Colons and semi -colons

Reading Comprehension

The literature portion of the examination will include prose and poetry.

Prose

Read the story "His Majesty Queen Hatshepsut" by Sharp Carter on page 216 and study the comprehension pages for the story in the workbook.

Familiarize yourself with the story's theme, plot, setting, conflict, climax, resolution of conflict along with the other items covered so you can write an essay on a topic given in the exam.

Poetry

You will be required to analyze features and characteristics of poetry from an unseen poem. Students will also be asked to respond to some of the elements and characteristics of poetry. Ensure that you review the following literary devices:

Simile

Metaphor

Personification

Imagery

Symbolism

Euphemism

Note: Copies of some poetic devices and their meaning will be distributed to students before Christmas break