

Midterm Study Guide

Reading

Grade 7

In the reading section of the language arts midterm exam, students will be asked to write an essay. The essay question will be based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. The seventh grade reading class read a version of this classic tale adapted for theater by Israel Horowitz. It can be found in the literature anthology on p. 600. We also attended a fine performance of the play at Ford's Theater.

To prepare for the essay, students should choose **one** of the three ghosts that appeared to Scrooge. They will be preparing summaries in class of the lessons Scrooge learned from each ghost. These summaries will be kept at the end of the reading section in their binders and may be taken with them into the exam.

The summary for the ghost the student chooses to write about should be carefully reviewed before the test. A good way to study would be **to explain the summary and the lessons learned by Scrooge to a family member.**

Another way to study would be **to reread the portion of the play in which the chosen ghost appears.** This could be an enjoyable family activity. Parts could be assigned and the scenes could be read aloud to ensure that vivid details are fresh in the student's mind. Page numbers for each ghost are provided below.

Ghost of Christmas Past: pages 615 – 623

Ghost of Christmas Present: pages 628 – 638

Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come (Future): pages 638 - 647