

Study Guide for English 78 Final

NAME: _____

This is going to be a reflective final exam. In other words, I want you to write a 5-paragraph essay that highlights the 3 main things that you've learned this year.

As you are preparing, you should make a plan for what you're going to write about. You may bring this plan into the final, but you may NOT write the essay in advance. Again, please ONLY bring your ideas and THIS plan.

You will be graded on your grammar, spelling, sentence structure and variety, paragraphing, and, most of all, on the quality of your ideas and the honesty of your writing.

You will have exactly one hour to complete this either in a computer lab, or on paper.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: What were the three most important big concepts that you learned this school year? For your thesis, how are these big concepts connected.

PLAN:

Thesis Statement: What is the MAIN, overall, overarching, primary, central thing you learned this year at K Woods. You should be able to say it in just ONE sentence. Though I have three spaces below, PLEASE only use one thesis statement. **Remember, EVERYTHING you write about should point back to the idea in your thesis statement.**

Thesis Statement: _____

Supporting Ideas: The supporting statements are the ideas and stories that help prove that your thesis statement is true. For example if my thesis was that my favorite year was the year 2011, I would have to give you stories, and facts that prove that. One of those might be that my son Isaac was born that year. Maybe it's a year that I raced in my first marathon.

Support 1: _____

Support 2: _____

Support 3: _____

Details and stories of the Supports:

For each of the supporting ideas on the other side, come up with some stories that you can tell me that would prove your point.

Support 1 story ideas:

1.

2.

3.

Support 2 story ideas:

1.

2.

3.

Support 3 story ideas:

1.

2.

3.

Catchy Introduction: What could you write , in your very first sentence or two, that both catches my attention AND, at the same time, is about your topic.

Catchy intro 1:

Catchy intro 2:

Powerful Closing Sentence: Come up with a sentence that finishes your essay in a powerful and memorable way. It should be a summarizing statement that relates back to your thesis.

THE CLASSIC FIVE PARAGRAPH ESSAY

PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER. Maybe you've forgotten, so here's how it all flows together.

Paragraph One:

Catchy Intro

Thesis Statement

Tell what your three supporting ideas are in one sentence.

Paragraph Two:

Transition sentence

Supporting Idea

Story or stories that support that idea and give it details and some life.

Paragraph Three:

Transition sentence

Supporting Idea

Story or stories that support that idea and give it details and life.

Paragraph Four:

Transition sentence

Supporting Idea

Story or stories that support that idea and give it details and life.

Paragraph Five:

Transition Sentence

Restate your thesis BUT not in the same words

Tell what your three supporting ideas were in one sentence.

Power closing sentence (or two).

