

Year 8 English Mid-Year Exam Guidance

- *In your assessment, for the first half, you'll be asked to complete 30 multiple choice questions in 25 minutes. 10 questions will be about the vocabulary you learned in Year 7, 10 questions about the vocabulary you've learned in Year 8 so far and 10 questions about your knowledge of the learning journey of Year 7 and 8.*
- *You'll answer these questions on Formative, so make sure you've got your iPad for the quiz!*

Year 8 Revision

<u>Vocabulary such as...</u>				<u>Key Knowledge such as...</u>	
Heroic	Someone who is admired for extreme bravery.	Discord	A disagreement / feud	<p>→ <i>The deaths of heroes are lamented</i></p> <p>→ <i>there is often pressure to conform to conventional ways of thinking</i></p> <p>→ <i>conflict is pervasive and inevitable</i></p> <p>→ <i>subversion and defiance are often punished</i></p> <p>→ <i>patriarchal societies are oppressive</i></p>	<p>→ heroes are often brave</p> <p>→ tyrants are immoral</p> <p>→ over-reaching is often punished</p> <p>→ heroes can be rash and hubristic, which causes their downfall</p> <p>→ heroes make sacrifices for what they believe in</p> <p>→ heroes sometimes have to be defiant and forthright</p>
Mortal	Someone who lives and dies	Vulgar	Grotesque and repulsive / disgusting		
Subvert	To go against / challenge the power of something	Masculinity	Qualities that society often associates with manliness / men.		
Melodramatic	Overly dramatic / emotional	Stable / Stability	Not likely to change or come to an end suddenly.		
Over-reacher	A person who tries to reach something which is beyond their power.	Unstable / Instability	Likely to change suddenly, especially if this creates difficulty or danger.		
Potent	powerful	Defile	To destroy the purity of something		
Defiant	To disobey rules, be disobedient	Inadequate	Does not meet standards / unacceptable		
Condemn	To punish / say something is wrong.	Desolate	Very sad, alone, and without hope.	<p>Core Sentence Stems:</p> <p>+ [character] is both...and...</p> <p>+ For example, + "..."</p> <p>+ In other words, [character]...</p> <p>+ Therefore, the reader...</p> <p>+ Perhaps the [writer]... + reveal...</p>	<p>We can extend our sentences by:</p> <p>+ Even though / Although / Despite</p> <p>+ After / Before / When / If...</p> <p>+ Since / While...</p> <p>+ because / but / so</p>
Tyrannical	Someone who treats the people they rule over in a cruel and unfair way.	Futile	Pointless, not needed		
Inescapable	Cannot escape it	Objectify	To treat a human like a thing / object.		
Blasphemous	Offend god, disrespectful to god	Compliant	Follows rules and expectations		
Patriarchal	A society ruled by men	Myopic	To be short-sighted, not consider consequences.		
If you want to revise further:		→ Check your English class's Teams Channel			

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- *For the second half of your assessment, you will be asked to read an unseen text. You'll have 25 minutes to answer a 30-mark reading and analysis question about how a character or experience is presented. You'll first read the text, and then answer the question, in bold, below.*
- *A good response will include quotations from the text, accurate spelling and punctuation, the key vocabulary you've learned, because/ but/ so and the other phrases you've learned.*
- *Successful students will write for the whole time and will check that they have included all the items in the grid under the text.*
- *There are 15 marks available for the quality of your written explanation and there are 15 marks available for your grammar, if you include all the items in the grid accurately.*

Marks for Grammar and Vocabulary

<u>Grammar Component</u>	<u>Descriptor</u>
<u>Spelling and Vocabulary</u>	1 mark per correct use of taught vocabulary. It must be spelt correctly (max 5 marks)
<u>Punctuation/ Sentence Demarcation</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Apostrophes✓ Speech Marks✓ Commas✓ Capital Letter✓ Full Stop
<u>Grammar (maximum of 5 marks)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Use of subordinate clause (noun appositive, subordinating conjunction)✓ Use of 'so'✓ Use of 'but'✓ Use of 'because' or 'and'✓ Use of duality e.g. 'not only..., but also...'✓ Simple Sentence (subject object verb used accurately)