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SCA #1 – Study Guide

For the first Short Cycle Assessment in writing class the students will have short stories to read and then answer a short answer question and also an extended response question. This SCA will be worth 18 points. There will be 3 – four point questions (12 points) and 3 – two point questions (6 points). The goal of this assessment is to make sure students are able to respond to these types of questions and completely answer what the question is asking them.

How to study for this test...

You will have to read a passage and answer questions about the passage using the “Restating the Question” skill we have learned in class. Go back to the question and underline what you are going to include in your answer! Go back to the text and find the answer and underline it in the text!

If there are 2 (?) then you are going to have 2 answers...2 complete sentences!
If the question asks “How do you know?” or “Explain your answer!” you will need to respond by saying...”I know (this) **BECAUSE**! Remember the magic word!

Never start an answer with the word BECAUSE!!!

Do not give one-word answers! That is not a complete thought!

All sentences must start with a capital letter and have punctuation at the end of the sentence. “I” is ALWAYS capitalized!

Example:

What is the genre of this piece of literature? How do you know?

(Notice how parts of the questions are underlined...that is what is going to be included in the answer. “The genre of this piece of literature is....” “I know this BECAUSE...”)

What is the purpose of this piece of literature? Please explain your answer.

(Notice how part of the question is underlined. Also there are directions so you need 2 complete sentences for your answer. “The purpose of this piece of literature is....” “I know this BECAUSE...”)

Which type of plant do you think is the most interesting? Why?

(Notice how part of the question is underlined...that is what is going to be included in the answer. “I think the plant that is the most interesting is....” “I think this BECAUSE....”)

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Please review the worksheets we have completed in class. Also visit Mrs. Bassett's website and go to Lesson Reviews to watch the Wright Brothers lesson for a complete explanation of what is expected.

Here is a list of rules they are going to need to follow.

The list is....

1. 2(?) = 2 answers
2. Magic word = because
3. Restate a question by underlining the answer in the question.
4. When I don't know the answer I go back to the text (the story) and underline the answer.
5. Never start a sentence with the word BECAUSE!!!

Grading Rubric

2 Point Questions – The question will be grade for both format and content.

- 1 point for having the correct format and restating the question.
- 1 point for having the correct answer.

4 Point Questions – The question will be grade for both format and content.

- 1 point for having the correct format and restating the first question.
- 1 point for having the correct answer for the first question.
- 1 point for having the correct format and restating the second question.
- 1 point for having the correct answer for the second question.

(Students can earn a point if the format is correct but the answer is wrong. They can also earn a point if the answer is wrong but the format is correct!)