

HORIZON HIGH SCHOOL-English Composition, Grammar and Poetry

Materials

Creating Poetry, John Drury

A Poetry Handbook, Mary Oliver

English Composition: Warriner, John E.

Various Poems drawn from many sources

Weeks 1 and 2

Poetry: A map of poetic terms (Drury)

Assignment: Quiz on terms

Preparing (Chapter 1 Drury)

Assignment: Do 2 of the 4 exercises on page 12 (Drury)

Interpreting a poem

Assignment: Do exercises 13-18 (Drury)

Writing a poem

Grammar: Parts of Speech: Articles, nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions, Prepositions, interjections, determiners, subjects and objects.

Assignments 1-12

Quiz 1

Composition:

Writing paragraphs: The Structure of the Paragraph: The Main Idea, Topic Sentence, Supporting Sentences. Clinching Sentence.

Assignment 1: Revising Weak Paragraphs.

Assignment 2: Writing Clincher Sentences.

Choosing and Limiting a Subject: Choose a subject that is suitable for a paragraph.

Assignment 3: Choosing and limiting a subject

Week 3

Poetry: Language in poetry (Chapter 2 Drury)
Words

Assignment: Do 2 of the Exercises 1-9 on 26-29 (Drury)

Grammar: Articles, Determiners, and Quantifiers
Cases of Nouns and Pronouns
Clauses: the Essential Building Block

Assignments 1-6

Quiz 2

Composition:

Writing Effective Topic Sources:

Assignment 4: Exercises 6 and 7 (page 44 Warriner)

Unity

Assignment 5: Identifying Sentences that destroy Unity

Coherence

Assignment 6: Writing a Paragraph in Chronological order

Assignment 7: Writing a Paragraph explaining a process

Week 4

Poetry: Concreteness and Abstraction

Assignment: Do 2 of the exercises 10-14 on 32-33 (Drury)

Grammar: Compound words: Plurals and possessives, Compounds with Prefixes

Parallel form

Active vs. Possessive

Plague words and Phrases

Phrases

Assignments 1-6

Quiz 3

Composition

Coherence

Assignment 8: Writing a paragraph using spatial order

Assignment 9: Writing a paragraph using order of Importance.

Assignment 10: Writing paragraphs of Comparison or Contrast

Assignment 11: Writing a paragraph of analogy

Review Exercises:

1.Choosing Logical Order for Arranging Ideas

2. Analyzing a Paragraph for Coherence.

Week 5

Poetry: Naming, Etymology, Grammar and Punctuation, Allusions.

Assignments: Pick 1 problem from each set. 15-18, 19-20, 21-25, 26-28 and 29-33 (Drury)

Grammar: Punctuation

Assignments 1-4

Quiz 4

Composition: Evaluating Your Paragraph

Assignment 12: Writing and evaluating a first draft

Assignment 13: Final Revision

Week 6

Poetry: Sight/Image/Metaphor and Simile

Assignment: Pick 2 problems from 1-6 on pages 44-45

Assignment: Pick 2 problems from 7-12 on pages 48-49 (Drury)

Grammar: Definition of a Sentence, Run-ons and Length, Coordination Repeated Terms, Renaming and Amplifying the Subject, A Chain of Modifying Phrases, Resumptive and Summative Modifiers and Variety in Modifier Placement.

Assignments 1-8

Quiz 5

Composition: Proofreading your paragraph and preparing your final copy

Assignment 14: Proofreading your paragraph

Review: Writing paragraphs exercise (63-64 Warriner)

Week 7

Poetry: Symbols and Vision

Assignment: Do 13 or 14 on page 50 (Drury)

Assignment: Pick 2 from 15-19 on page 51 (Drury)

Grammar: Tense Consistency

Avoiding Primer Language

Assignments 1-4

Quiz 6

Composition: Four Types of Paragraphs

Assignment 15: Distinguishing facts from opinion

Assignment 16: Writing Paragraphs using facts and statistics

Assignment 17: Writing a paragraph using examples

Week 8

Poetry: Sound: Alliteration and Assonance

Assignment: Do 1, and either 2 or 3 on page 53 (Drury)

Assignment: Do 4-5 on page 54 (Drury)

Grammar: Coherence: Transitions Between Ideas

Assignments 1-7

Quiz 7

Composition: Developing by Means of Cause and Effect/Developing by Definition

Assignment 18: Writing a cause and effect paragraph

Assignment 19: Writing an extended Definition

Assignment 20: Evaluating and Revising Expository Paragraph

Assignment 21: Writing an Expository Paragraph

Week 9

Poetry: Rhyme and Sound effects

Assignment: 8-12 on page 59 (Drury)

Grammar: Run on Sentences/Comma Splices

Assignments 1-6

Quiz 8

Composition: The Persuasive Paragraph/Developing Reasons

Assignment 22: Evaluation and Revising a Persuasive Paragraph

Review: Writing a Persuasive Paragraph

Grading

Poetry assignments 33.3%

Grammar Quizzes 16.6%

Compositions 50%