**How to Make a Literature Test**

*Mr. Oncay's Language Arts*

*Call of the Wild*

**You are going to make a literature test related to the novel, *Call of the Wild.* Write some rough draft questions before you type.**

There are some very basic rules to making a test:

1. The test must evaluate the subject that was taught. Do not write test questions that do not apply to the subject. Therefore, the test questions for this assignment must be related to:

1a. Vocabulary throughout the book relevant to eighth graders

--The word bank should have 28 words. There should be ten items related to vocab.

You must cover all of these topics in your four sections.

1b. Literary technique

--The items must test the student's ability to identify these techniques. Don't make them too easy.

1c. Comprehension

--These items relate to critical elements of the plot or character. They should include some questions about conflict, climax, and resolution, but not obviously. Don't ask simplistic, "gotcha" questions.

1d. Short essay

--This questions should be question that will yield a 1.5 page essay. It must relate to a critical element of this novel (typically something like theme, conflict, climax, resolution, character transformation, etc.)

2. The style of the test must match the subject. That is, don't ask students to write an essay if you are testing their knowledge of metaphor. There is an easier way to evaluate their abilities.

Use one of the following:

The "essay" question will also be a portion of your test.

2a. multiple choice

2b. fill in the blank

2c. matching

2d. short answer

3. Always give students an example for each section of the test. That is, students need a model so they know how their answer is supposed to look. For example, if you use the "listing" style, give a model for students to follow.

**EX: Why is the third chapter called, "The Dominant Primoridal Beast?"**

*This is the chapter when Buck develops his inner "beast." In the past, he was a soft-hearted and soft-footed dog of the south, but in this chapter, the toil of the trail begins to turn him to an alpha-dog, strong and vicious at times.*

**Test making checklist:**

* When you are finished, your test should have no more than four sections.
* Your test cannot use the same questions as any other student test, and it cannot use any of the questions from Mr. Oncay's examples.
* Each test item (question) should be typed as a final draft, but there should be a rough draft representing at least 75% of the questions.
* Your test should have a heading, with your name, like any other assignment.
* When you finish making the test, take the test. **That is, you must fill in answers to your test BY HAND WITH A BLUE PEN.**
* Your test can be no shorter than thirty items and not longer than forty, with at least ten items related to each topic area.
* Don't forget, this is due soon.

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Part 1

Directions: Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah.

EX: *Blah, blah, blah*

1. Blah, blah, blah

2. Blah, blah, blah

3. Blah, blah, blah

4. Blah, blah, blah

5. Blah, blah, blah

Part 2

Directions: Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah, Blah, blah, blah.

*Be creative!*

***And organized!***

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