TEST 2 REVIEW, Nov 2026

BRING A PEN!

Reading/Literature Definitions
Setting – place, time, environment
Author – person that wrote the story
Narrator – person telling the story
Point of view - what does the narrator know, first person, third person limited, third person omniscient
Protagonist – main character
Topics vs *Themes* – topics are short words/phrases that name the core subjects in the story or article; themes are what the author is trying to convey.
Characterization – description and development of characters in a story
Personification – speaking about non-humans as though they have human qualities, i.e., "Mr. Pneumonia was not a chivalric old gentleman," or, "The sun smiled warmly."
Stereotype – A widely held, oversimplified idea about the characteristics or behavior of a particular group of people - damsel in distress, starving artists (sensitive, eccentric, painting their masterpiece)

The Last Leaf
O. Henry
most famous for ironic endings
subtle humor

Know the plot, topics, themes
Characterization - Johnsy, Sue, Behrman, Mr. Pneumonia, the doctor

Writing an Intro Paragraph
Hook, bridge, and thesis
Types of hooks - story, strong statement, question, vivid description, quotation, interesting compare and contrast, interesting fact.
Bridge - gets from the hook to the thesis.
Thesis - the main point you want to make. Tell them what you're going to tell them.

Verbs
Types:
- Action – doing something
- Linking – being something
- Auxiliary – helping another verb

Action Transitive – has a direct object
Action Intransitive – does not have a direct object

Action vs Linking
"The bear smells dinner" vs "The bear smells bad"

Linking vs Auxiliary
- Linking is followed by a noun or adjective
- Auxiliary is followed by a verb

"The bear is brown" vs "The bear is walking"

Gerund – Verb + ing, used as a noun – Walking is good exercise.

Verb tenses
Past, present, future

Regular verbs vs irregular verbs
Regular past tense end in -d or -ed: walked, danced, communicated
Irregular do not: ate, sang, went, taught

Test format
Multiple choice, short answers, identification (circle and underline), and practical exercises. Possibly a paragraph to write, but no full essay.

Write in pen. Pencil costs 5 points.
Forgetting to write your name costs 3 points.