

CEDAR Literature Analysis Diagnostic Test

Dear Parents,

This is a diagnostic evaluation to determine your child's strengths and weaknesses so that he or she can be placed in the most appropriate class. This is a confidential assessment used for placement purposes only. Please help us gain an accurate picture of your child's current skill level by doing the following:

- Answer the Student Survey Questions below
- Schedule the assessment when your child is well rested and has plenty of time.
- Monitor your student as he or she works, but do not assist or coach in any way.
- Turn off all spell and grammar checks, and do not allow the use of other outside resources.
- Do not edit, proofread, or revise for him or her.
- After a parent has completed the survey and the student has completed both the grammar and essay portions, make a copy for your own records.
- E-Mail the completed packet to shellypond@bellsouth.net

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent's E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Student Survey:

Has the student formally studied Grammar in the past? Yes ___ NO___ If yes, which curriculum?

Does he/she have any past experience with IEW (Institute for Excellence in Writing) at home or somewhere else?

Yes___ No___ Where ? _____

List which curriculum, if known _____

At what grade level is the student currently working in most subjects? _____

Please include any additional comments or information you feel may be pertinent. _____

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Part 1: Grammar

Please parse and diagram the following sentences. Mark all the nouns, articles, adjectives, pronouns, prepositions, verbs, adverbs, and conjunctions in the sentences below and put parenthesis around the prepositional phrases. Then on a separate sheet of paper, neatly diagram each sentence.

1. King Arthur was the great legendary king of ancient Britain.
2. He may or may not be real, but we love stories about him.
3. King Arthur's famous sword won him many battles.
4. Merlin was a very wise magician, and he gave Arthur much good advice.
5. Arthur's castle with the famous round table was located in Camelot.

Part 2: Essay Question

Choose ONE of the following assignments, and write a multi-paragraph essay on the subject. Organize your essay to the best of your ability. Provide a thesis statement. Avoid using "be" verbs (*am, is, are, was, were, be, being, been*). Begin each sentence differently, and include topic sentences in your paragraphs. THIS IS A TIMED ESSAY. You should take no longer than one hour to complete it.

1. Choose a short story, novel, or movie that you have found thought-provoking and explain how it has affected the way you view the world.

or

2. Describe some person, experience, or event that has profoundly impacted your life and explain its value to you.