



New York ELA State Exam Prep Tips *(Andalusia Islamic School)*



<p>☺ Always follow these steps before answering</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask yourself “What did I just read about?” 2. Look at the title. 3. Look at the pictures. 4. Look for clue words that are used repeatedly. 5. Reread the first and last paragraphs. 	<p>Main Idea: What the story is mostly about & character specific /summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Amanda always wanted the same things May had. - Even though Tim was afraid of heights, he still went to the top of the ropes course. -Kayla spent hours on her project and got an A+. -Jack and Jill were total opposites but they were excellent kids. 	<p>Theme: Moral message or lesson of the story.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Jealousy, Bravery -Hard work pays off -Its ok to be different/ acceptance -Friendship, Compassion -Overcome obstacles -Kindness, Be responsible -Never give up / perseverance 	<p>Author’s Purpose: Why the author wrote it.</p> <p>It’s as easy as PIE.</p> <p>P- Persuade: to convince the reader of a certain point of view.</p> <p>I- Inform: to teach or give information to the reader.</p> <p>E- Entertain: to hold the attention of the reader through enjoyment.</p>
<p>Text Structure: How the text is organized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chronological order -Cause and effect -Problem and solution -Compare and contrast -Description 	<p>Genres: Categories of different types of literary work</p> <p>Folklore: Fairy Tale, Legend, Fable, Tall Tale, Myth</p> <p>Poem:</p> <p>Fiction: Historical, Realistic, Science Fiction or Fantasy, Mystery</p> <p>Non Fiction: Biography, Informational Writing, Autobiography, Persuasive Writing, Newspaper, Textbook, Flyer, Speech, Essay</p> <p>Play/Drama: Tragedy, Comedy</p>	<p>Author’s Perspective / Opinion / Viewpoint /</p> <p>Point of view: How does the author feel about the topic?</p> <p>Describe the Character: What the character does, thinks, feels and says tell you about him/her.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring, helpful, brave, unkind, selfish, friendly, determined, judgmental 	<p>Mood: Tone/atmosphere of the story</p> <p>(emotions felt while reading)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -horror stories: serious and sinister tone to create nervous and frightened mood of the reader -positive, negative or neutral -romantic, hopeful, mysterious, joyful, pleasant, unpleasant, depressing
<p>☺ How to respond to Questions: RAP</p> <p>R-Restate the Question</p> <p>A-Answer the Question</p> <p>P-Prove your answer</p>	<p>☺ Read the question first and then as you read the passage underline text evidence</p>		
<p>Point of View: Who is telling the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Person: A character within the story recounts his or her own experiences or impressions. Uses pronouns I and we - Second Person: Story is told from the perspective of “you”, very uncommon. Uses the pronoun you. - Third Person: The story is told by a narrator who is not in the story. Uses pronouns he, she, it and they. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Objective: Only tells what is seen and heard, not the feelings. b. Limited Omniscient: tells what one character thinks, sees, knows, hears and feels. c. Omniscient: Unlimited information about the characters 			

Look for these pronouns outside the quotations

Transitional words and phrases

Time: first, **initially** (in the beginning), second, next, then, meanwhile, in the past, now, **ultimately** (in the end)

Cause and effect: therefore, on the other hand, nevertheless, **however**

Comparison: **similarly**, in the same way

Addition: **furthermore**, **additionally**, moreover

Detail (general to specific): for example, **for instance**

Summary (specific to general): in short, **in conclusion**, hence

Shows: **demonstrates**, exhibits, proves, indicates

★ Essays must have introduction, body and conclusion!!! ★

Add Adjectives

Add Adverbs: ---ly curiously, kindly, loudly, frequently

Vocabulary

Eat: gobbled, munch, devour, feast on, consume, chew, nibble (tiny bites), swallow, gulp, stuffed

Big: enormous, huge, gigantic, monstrous, massive, large

See / Saw: spotted, glimpsed, glanced, stared, studied, spied, found, glared, observed, witnessed, discovered

Good: great, helpful, impressive, brilliant, awesome, superb, excellent, distinguished, elegant, fantastic, incredible, praiseworthy

Bad: horrible, worst, terrible, evil, nasty, painful, awful, miserable, disgusting

Very accurate - exact
Very afraid - fearful
Very angry - furious
Very beautiful- exquisite
Very big- immense
Very boring- dull
Very busy- swamped
Very careful- cautious
Very cheap- stingy
Very clean- spotless
Very clear- obvious
Very clever- intelligent
Very cold- freezing
Very colorful- vibrant
Very complete- comprehensive
Very confused- perplexed
Very creative- innovative
Very crowded- bustling
Very cute- adorable
Very dear- cherished
Very detailed- meticulous
Very difficult- arduous
Very dirty- filthy
Very dry- arid
Very dull- tedious
Very eager - keen
Very easy - effortless
Very empty - abandoned
Very excited - thrilled
Very exciting - exhilarating
Very expensive - costly
Very fancy- lavish
Very fat- obese

Very friendly- amiable
Very frightened- alarmed
Very frightening- terrifying
Very funny- hilarious
Very glad- overjoyed
Very happy- ecstatic
Very hard- difficult
Very hard to find- rare
Very high- soaring
Very huge- colossal
Very hungry- ravenous
Very important - crucial
Very intelligent - brilliant
Very interesting - captivating
Very judgmental - prejudice
Very lazy- lethargic
Very little- minute
Very long- extensive
Very long lasting- enduring
Very loved- adored
Very mean- cruel/ruthless
Very neat- immaculate
Very necessary- essential
Very nervous- apprehensive
Very nice- kind
Very noisy- deafening
Very often- frequently
Very old- ancient
Very open- transparent
Very painful- excruciating
Very perfect- flawless
Very powerful- compelling
Very quick- rapid

Very rainy- pouring
Very rich- wealthy
Very sad- sorrowful
Very scared- petrified
Very serious- grave
Very sharp- keen
Very shiny- gleaming
Very shy- timid
Very skinny- skeletal
Very slow- sluggish
Very small- petite
Very smelly- pungent
Very sorry- apologetic
Very special- exceptional
Very strong- forceful
Very stupid- idiotic
Very sure- certain
Very sweet- thoughtful
Very talented- gifted
Very tall- towering
Very tasty- delectable
Very tight- constricting
Very tired- exhausted
Very ugly- hideous
Very unhappy- miserable
Very upset- distraught
Very weak- frail
Very wet- soaked
Very willing- eager
Very wise- sage
Very worried- distressed