# 7th Grade Final Exam: Review Check List

**FINAL EXAM**

*You will need to do all of the following on this exam:*

1. actively read poetry selections, fiction and nonfiction

2. answer multiple choice reading comprehension questions (20)

3. write several A.S.E.’d short responses to literary interpretive questions

## **A.S.E.**

## *You will be expected to write four (4) short responses of 5-7 sentences each.*

\* Answer – Restate the question & provide a simple but direct answer.

 \* Support – Support your answer with Text Based Support (TBS) or a direct quote.

 ***Remember to always introduce your supportive quote. NO drop ins!***

 \* Explain – Explain how your TBS (direct quote) supports your simple answer.

***This should always be a 2-3 sentence explanation.***

**Reading Skills**

*You will be expected to:*

• thoroughly understand central idea (theme), point of view (perception)

• use text details to make inferences about central idea (theme), characters etc.

• identify author’s purpose or reason for writing (PIE = Persuade, Inform, Explain)

• annotate the text in order to locate supporting ideas - **BRING HIGHLIGHTERS**

• interpret (explain the meaning of) lines of poetry, nonfiction & fiction texts

**Always -**

Read & examine poetry texts first, but answer questions about them last.

Likewise, all questions relating to theme or central idea should be answered last.

**Vocabulary Skills** “What do I do when I come to a word I don’t know?”

*Use Word Attack Strategies:*

1. study the Final Exam Vocabulary lists via Quizlet

2. look for context clues in the surrounding sentences

3. look for the little word in the big word (root/base)

4. connect it to a word you already know

5. break it down: prefix, root word, suffix

6. substitute the word in the sentence with a word you do know

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**The A.S.E. Response**

**How do we answer questions?**

***We ASE them !!!***

**A.S.E.’d answers should be a paragraph response**

**of (at least) 5-7 sentences in length.**

 **A**nswer – Restate the question and provide a simple, but direct, answer.

 **State your claim:** *The sky is blue* ***because***… … ...

* The simple answer is usually a 1-2 sentence response.
* Answers should always be declarative not opinionated.
* Include a *‘because’* phrase in your simple answer.
* Avoid pronouns!

 **S**upport – Support your answer with a direct quote from the text (TBS).

 **Text Based Support:** *The text states, “ … … … “* ***(109).***

* Citations should be no more than 2 sentences.
* Use the ellipses … … … to help you condense the quote.

**E**xplain – Connect the TBS to your simple answer and explain your position.

 **Explanation:** *The quote offers support as to why* ***(restate your claim).***

* Explain why you have selected this particular quote.
* How does this quote support the claim you have made?