

First Semester Exam Study Guide (English 12 - Fromme)

The exam will be made up of 50 multiple-choice questions (with each question counting for two points).

There will be four sections:

Vocabulary Section: 15 questions

ACT Now Section: 15 questions

Literature Section: 10 questions

Literary Devices Section: 10 questions

It's my advice that you consider doing one of the following (or both) when studying for this exam:

1. Make a copy of this document for yourself, and then use it to make notes as you study (particularly when it comes to anything you run across that is difficult for you and that you think you might need to study further).
2. Use a study site (like [Quizlet](#)) to create flashcards and such for yourself. Building out those study sets will really help get you prepared, and once you have everything in place, using the study sets makes studying feel like a game.

See the resources below for guidance when studying for each section.

Vocabulary Section

- This section will include two kinds of questions:
 - vocabulary questions where I give you a definition and you select the word that goes with it
 - questions about word parts--where you have to know what the word parts mean or what they do or what kind of word part they are (root, prefix, or suffix)
- [This link](#) takes you to a page with lots of good resources, including links to all of the vocabulary unit presentations that will be covered on this exam (**units 1.1-2.2**). Remember, the first slide of each presentation also has a link to a graphic organizer that you might find helpful when learning (and thinking about) the words.
- [This document](#) gives you all of the word parts and words (and their definitions).

ACT Now Section

- This section is made up of ACT Now questions we've gone over in class. To help you prepare, you might want to consider working on the following IXL lessons (and don't forget to sign in on IXL anytime you do any work there):
 - [Form the Perfect Verb Tenses](#)
 - [Choose Between the Object and Subject Pronoun Forms](#)
 - [Commas with Compound and Complex Sentences](#)
 - [Correct Errors with Subject-Verb Agreement](#)

- [Remove Redundant Words or Phrases](#)
- [Identify Plurals and Possessives](#)

Literature Section

- This section is made up of basic questions about the literature we studied during the first semester:
 - *Beowulf*
 - *Le Morte d'Arthur*
 - *The Canterbury Tales*
 - *Macbeth*
 - *A Christmas Carol*
- You'll want to know the following kinds of things about these works:
 - Who wrote them
 - What the basic plot is
 - Who the protagonist is in each work
 - Who the basic characters are in each work
 - Roughly when each work was written
- [SparkNotes](#) should be a good resource for that sort of information for each work.

Literary Devices Section

- This section will focus on the literary devices we studied in our reading of *A Christmas Carol*.
- You'll want to know two kinds of things about literary devices:
 - What they are and what their definitions are
 - How to spot them in use (e.g., I'll show you some text; you tell me what kind of literary device it demonstrates.)
- [This document](#) lists the devices and provides their definitions.
- Specific examples of how the devices are used in *A Christmas Carol* can be found in [this document](#).