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LA12 Teacher:

Upcoming School Year:

Incoming LA12 Summer Practice

Punctuation: End marks, Commas, Colons, and Semicolons

Skill 1: Add commas, semicolons, and end marks where they are needed in the following sentences.

Example: Sarah, did you see my brother at the video store?

1. Wow Look at the size of that tiger
2. To make the posters of course we need markers water colors and stencils
3. Do you know Mandy that Jack London lived to be only forty years old
4. Above the rooftop of the apartment building we saw a beautiful bright rainbow
5. Phillip unplug the table saw right now
6. Casey and I are going to make enchiladas for the fiesta Lillian is making salsa
7. For the chalupas Patrick will make baked crisp corn tortillas
8. Let's each bring a real plate a cloth napkin and tableware so that we don't use throwaway items
9. Our fiesta will be held on September 16 2000 that is the anniversary of the beginning of the 1810 Mexican rebellion against Spain
10. We will have food games and piñatas and a folk group will sing play and dance

Skill 2: Add commas, semicolons, and end marks where needed in the following sentences.

Example: The pool was not heated; nevertheless, we went swimming.

1. Wanting to play drums very well Logan practiced every day
2. Their mailing address has been changed to P O Box 312 Carrizozo New Mexico
3. Do you enjoy computer-animated films like *Toy Story*
4. What a brilliant meteor that is
5. Planting the seeds watering them and weeding the area usually results in healthy growth
6. Kwanzaa an African American holiday is celebrated between Dec 26 and Jan 1
7. Sonia please get off the phone
8. The tall graceful sycamore tree by our house is dying it will have to be cut down soon
9. Brer Lion listened to Brer Rabbit's advice however, he later realized he'd been tricked
10. Writer Amy Ling lives in the United States yet she was born in Beijing China

Skill 3: Add commas, semicolons, colons, and end marks where they are needed in the following paragraph.

Example: African elephants are threatened by the ivory trade; poachers kill the elephants for their tusks, which are then sold illegally.

One hundred years ago there were a hundred thousand elephants living in Asia however, now there are only about one third of that number What an alarming loss The Asian elephant is now an endangered species for the following reasons cutting of forests other damage to habitat and increased human population Of the Asian elephants that remain about ten thousand live in the small country of Myanmar Can you find it on a map It is between Thailand and Bangladesh Many of the huge patient elephants also called timber elephants work with humans together they bring in large valuable trees to sell for lumber Elephants and people have a partnership and they spend their lives together This partnership is remarkable for the mutual affection and trust it demonstrates between animals and humans

Skill 4: Add commas and end marks where they are needed in the following letter.

Example: Are you interested in joining the club? We'd love to have you!

August 8 2000

Dear Sam

Jovita told me that you are interested in joining the Environmental Club
Welcome aboard Beginning Sept 10 2000 we will meet each Thursday after school at the recycling center at 1651 Yeager Ave At each meeting progress reports are given activities are discussed and plans are made We also have some social time of course and everyone enjoys the meetings The club's goal is to make our town litter-free and so far we have made a lot of progress Sam the other members of the club and I look forward to having you as a part of our group

Sincerely

Gwynneth

Skill 5: Add commas, colons, and semicolons where they are needed to the following business letter.

Example: Please send me the following items: a new food processor lid, a copy of the food processor manual, and a new motor.

September 5 2000

Dear Customer Service Representative

Recently I called about my food processor which has the following defects The container lid flies off when the power is turned on the speed is always fast regardless of the button pushed and smoke pours out of the motor. Your manual "Food Processors How to Enjoy Them" has not been much help at all. Although most manuals have a section that describes what to do about possible problems this manual does not.

When I called you said the manager would contact me furthermore, you said the manager would have someone from the Small Appliance Repair Department call me. Neither has happened and three months seems long enough to wait.

The food processor was purchased April 3 the problems began July 5 a few days after the ninety-day warranty expired. While I realize that these things happen your company's lack of response has had the following effect It has caused me to lose confidence in your company your company's advertising your company's reliability and your company's products.

Please contact me before I vow never to buy your company's products again.

Sincerely

K. Smith

Recommended Readings

You may choose a text outside of this list with parent approval.

12th grade

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight Unknown
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Twelfth Night by Shakespeare
A Farewell to Arms Ernest Hemingway

Dracula by Bram Stoker
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Turn of the Screw by Henry James

Summer Reading Log

Keep track of your summer reading. You are encouraged to read for a minimum of 20 minutes per day.

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Writing Practice: Choose one of the text you have read above. Construct a well-written three paragraph response, using one of the prompts listed. Remember to have clear topic sentences, proper punctuation, and correct spelling.

1. After having analyzed and read the novel, explain how the author utilizes rhetorical/literary devices to amplify the reader's understanding of the text.
2. After having analyzed and read the novel, explain the overall theme of the novel as well as how it is illustrated throughout the work. How does the author address the theme and how is developed throughout the text?
3. After having analyzed and read the novel, explain how the authors use of imagery, symbolism, and literary devices amplify your understanding of the theme of the text.
4. Write an analysis of a key character in a literary work. Describe two to three key actions of the character, or how the character responds to events. What do the actions reveal about the character? Do the character's actions fit together, or do they contradict each other? If they contradict, what does that contradiction say about the character's emotional and mental capacity? Analyze the character's psychological background. Why does the character act in the way he/she does? How does the author's characterization in the text reflect this psychological background?
5. Most often, literary works have both internal conflict (individual v. self) and external conflict (individual v. individual, society, nature, or technology). Additionally, one can often find that a character's internal conflict is linked to an external one. Choose a text in which both an internal and external conflict are evident to you. How does the external conflict illuminate the internal one? What meaningful parallels or incongruencies do you observe when comparing the two, and what is the significance within the context of the story?
6. In some stories, characters come into conflict with the culture in which they live. Often, a character feels alienated in his/her community or society due to race, gender, class or ethnic background. Choose a text that shows this kind of conflict. How is the character alienated from community and how does she/he respond to it? What does that character's alienation say about the surrounding society's assumptions, morality and values? In what way(s) do literary elements reflect how that society defines race, gender, class and/or ethnicity? How does this create conflict for the character?
7. Setting is an important component of any story. Consider the role that setting has in one of the works. How is this particular setting integral to the story? Does the protagonist conflict with the setting or have particular interactions with it? How does the protagonist's relationship with the setting connect with his/her development as a character?
8. Tone is a literary element that poets and authors use to affect a certain mood, emotion, setting, and/or message. Choose a story, drama, or poem in which you observe a unique tone. Analyze the tone in detail, illustrating specific qualities of it by offering several textual examples of each quality. Why is this tone important in understanding the conflict and theme of the text? How does it contribute to both?

Secondary Math: Summer Stay Sharp Material

We are asking students to keep their math skills sharp by going to khanacademy.org/math and working for 15-20 minutes a day. Using the table below, choose which Khan Academy course your student should work through. Completing the course over the summer will count as an assignment at the beginning of next school year!

Last Year's Math Course	Recommended Khan Academy Course
PAC-C, Saxon 6/5 or Lower	Arithmetic
Saxon 7/6 or PAC	7th Grade
AAC, Saxon 8/7 Honors, or Algebra 1/2	Pre-Algebra
Algebra 1 Part 1	Algebra Basics
Algebra 1 Honors or Algebra 1 Part 2	Algebra 1
Algebra 2 Non-Honors	Mathematics 2
Algebra 2 Honors	Algebra 2
Advanced Math Honors	Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus