

G9 LA ENGLISH: YEAR SUMMARY

FINAL EXAM REVIEW

ESSAY WRITING: PEE

PEE is structuring your paragraphs in the form point-evidence-explanation. Start by writing your **topic sentence** (your point). Give **evidence** that backs up your topic sentence. Finally, **explain** how your evidence supports your point (what does the evidence prove?)

The following is an example of PEE:

Kim Jong-un is one of the best dictators on the planet. Under his rule, more than 20% of North Korea's population is starving, a statistic that has been in existence since the days of his grandfather. Not only does this prove that he is doing an extremely amazing job at ensuring his nation's welfare, it also shows he is continuing the excellent policies of his grandfather.



Another example of PEE (taken from johndclare.net):

The first reason that the League of Nations failed was that its organization was chaotic. The League's Secretariat was tiny, yet it had to coordinate the work of the Council, the Assembly, and the other components of the League. This was very important because it harmed the League in a number of ways. Decisions sometimes took months. Important minutes and notes were lost. Most importantly, the Conference of Ambassadors (a small group of the most powerful countries) found it easier to meet together and make a quick decision, so it often overturned decisions the League had made (e.g. over Corfu, 1923).

Here, the main point that the author wants to make is the the League of Nation failed because of its chaotic organization. The evidence is that the Secretariat was tiny. The explanation is that because it was tiny, it made the organization chaotic because decisions became slow and in the end the Conference of Ambassadors simply met each other and overturned League decisions.

<<note: this section was copied entirely from the g8 la english final exam review sheet>>

<<g9 2014 edit: for those interested, the league of nations was the precursor to the united nations of today. i know none of you care but it's actually extremely interesting.>>

WRITING INTRODUCTIONS

<<from the purdue owl>

You know your introduction needs a clear thesis statement. But what else do you put in the paragraph? To answer that question, think about the purpose of an introduction:

- Introduce your topic
- Create interest
- Provide necessary background information
- Identify your main idea
- Preview the rest of your essay

Your thesis statement will identify your main idea and preview the rest of your essay. Remember that this can be either one or two sentences. You will probably place your thesis at the end of your introduction paragraph. You can use the other sentences in your introduction to introduce your topic, create interest, and provide necessary background information.

now onto the main part: what did we learn this year in la english?

HINTS

If last year's final exams are any indication, Mr Charles will probably not have any surprises in his final exam. His exam will strictly be based on questions that he asks in class, which are based on the units that we have learned. So to review: simply *think* about how you may answer these questions. You may even think about writing out the answers in PEE format. Remember, also, that grammar, spelling and punctuation is key. The image below is irrelevant but I just wanted Mean Girls in here.



UNIT 1: A NEW LAND, A NEW CULTURE

Write about a lesson a relative learned from their life that they would like YOU to learn.

check family story

UNIT 2: LOVE & MARRIAGE- THEORY & PRACTICE

Write a short description of a unusual marriage custom. Write a reflection on your thoughts on this custom --> check marriage essay

UNIT 3: SELF KNOWLEDGE

Write a formal essay agreeing or disagreeing, "Self-discovery through reflective writing and sharing allows us knowledge of others which enhances our relationships.

Best way is to check your own essay.

Reasons FOR:

- More common interests, therefore more things to talk about
- Identify areas of strengths and weaknesses, more cooperation in group work
- Find out about weaknesses and insecurities, be more caring

Reasons AGAINST:

- We are already very well connected to each other, so we already know everything there is to know.
- The reflections are public, so no one would actually share anything about their true insecurities.
- People may actually be even more uncomfortable if people know too much about them.

UNIT 4: LOCAL & GLOBAL VIEWS OF SOCIAL ISSUES

Write about a social issue you care about. Explain how writing a short story can be a force for good in communicating your ideas about the way things happen in the world.

How do authors use short stories to comment on social issues?

'On the Waterway' by Ussiri Thammachot is a short story about a man who comes across a floating corpse as he paddles home after being cheated out of a watermelon sale. Initially he is disgusted, but eventually he finds that there is a gold bracelet on the corpse and so he takes away the corpse.

From this, we can see that the author has commented on at least the following issues:

- **Cheating prices:** in Thailand it is often the case that dealers will try to get a huge bargain out of a deal. Rural, poor farmers are often cheated and are forced to take little pay for their hard work, as evidenced by the farmer.
- **Greed overcoming morals:** eventually the watermelon farmer is so consumed by his greed that he takes away the gold bracelet without a second thought, despite the disgusting corpse. It can be seen as a metaphor for a larger view set that in our modern society, greed often overcomes any sense of morality that we have. This is not totally his fault, however, as he is driven to that point by society itself.

This is one example of how authors can use short stories to comment on social issues. These social issues are often expressed through themes or sub-themes in the short stories.

Why is fiction used to convey opinions on social issues?

Open-ended question, but here are some possible reasons:

- A strong character will make the reader feel attached to the character, and thus they will feel more involved with the story and so the story will have a greater effect.
- Well-written plots can also make the reader feel more involved.
- A variety of points of views can be used, therefore the issue can be looked at from different angles. The short story 'The Sniper' would have had a different viewpoint if it was communicated through the point of view of, say, a British general.
- It is a more subtle way of communicating themes across that may otherwise be difficult or boring to write & read about.
- There is a greater chance for a wide readership for fictional stories than, say, a normal documentary which will probably have a more limited, academic audience. People who read short stories/novels/watch movies are usually ordinary people who can get influenced by messages sent through the short story.
- Messages can be communicated more indirectly, and so if that message is dangerous or if the author does not want to be too overt in his communicating of the issue, then fiction is a possible way to do it.
- It provides a chance for the author to explore his/her own ideas and thoughts about the issue through fictional scenarios.

Write about something you learned this year that changed you. Write this in expository essay format.

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