

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

I. Reading Comprehension & Interpretation/Analysis:

You will be tested on how well you know and understand the narrative and its meaning(s).

Suggestions

- Re-read your notes on the story
- Review the notes you took on each of our discussion days

II. Character & Allusion Identification

You will need to be able to identify the major characters of the story as well as the historical and literary allusions (see list below).

Suggestions

- Make a character data sheet for yourself (Name + description of each character)
- Review notes on characters you took during our discussion days
- Review "Vocabulary List" which includes descriptions of the allusions of: Aeneas, Achilles, Romulus, Brutus, Solomon, Samson, Adam & Eve, and Bathsheba

III. Background information

You will be asked questions concerning the background, genre, and authorship of Sir Gawain.

Suggestion

- Re-read and review the introductory background material from your packet.

IV. Conventional Symbolism

You will be tested on some or all of the information contained in your Conventional Symbolism worksheet. You will have to match each symbol with its meaning.

Suggestion

- Review the Conventional Symbolism worksheet, and make sure you have the correct answers on that worksheet.

V. Nabokov on "Good Readers and Good Writers"

You will have a few questions on the article by Vladimir Nabokov pertaining to his criteria of evaluating reading and writing.

Suggestion

- Re-read the article and outline its contents. Study

V. Short Essay Section

You will be given six short essay prompts to answer in a well-developed and well-crafted paragraph pertaining to some of the following: theme, motif, characterization, plot development, symbolism, foreshadowing.

Suggestions

- Annotate your book well and bring it to the exam; you will be able to use it on this section. You should be prepared to use quotations directly from the book.
- Review the Sample Essay Questions for Fahrenheit 451 to remind yourself of my expectations on these types of exams.