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**Monday, November 12, 2012**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Theme**      A wolf saw a goat grazing at the edge of a high cliff. The wolf smacked his lips at the thought of a fine goat dinner. "My dear friend," said the wolf in his sweetest voice, "aren't you afraid you will fall down from that cliff? Come down here and graze on this fine grass beside me on safe, level ground."      "No, thank you," said the goat  "Well then," said the wolf, "aren't you cold up there in the wind? You would be warmer grazing down here beside me in this sheltered area."      "No, thank you," said the goat.      "But the grass tastes better down here!" said the exasperated wolf, "Why dine alone?" "My dear wolf," the goat finally said, "are you quite sure that it is MY dinner you are worrying about and not your own?"  Which of the following **best** describes a theme of the passage?  **(A)** You can't change who you are.  **(B)** Honesty is not always the best policy. **(C)** Be cautious if an enemy is being kind. **(D)** A good friend is hard to find. | **Vocabulary**  He wanted to stay near the lake because he thought the plane, even deep in water, might show up to somebody flying over and he didn’t want to **diminish** any chance he might have of being found.  As used above, what does diminish mean?  a. finalize b. expand c. increase d. decrease  Underline one detail that supports your answer choice. |
| **Parts of Speech**  **(1) As a way to protest the new dress code, the students all wore black. (2) They did it symbolically as a way to show that they were in mourning. (3) In fact, many took it a step further and refused to utter a single word throughout the day unless it was necessary.**  Which word from sentence 1 is a verb?  a. black  b. wore  c. all  d. dress | **Conventions**  Which sentence uses the correct capitalization?  a. After the Assembly, the principal of the class, Mr. Fulton, asked the students to calmly leave the Auditorium and move into the Lunchroom.  b. After the assembly, the Principal of the class, Mr. Fulton, asked the students to calmly leave the auditorium and move into the lunchroom.  c. After the Assembly, the Principal of the class, Mr. Fulton, asked the students to calmly leave the Auditorium and move into the Lunchroom.  d. After the assembly, the principal of the class, Mr. Fulton, asked the students to calmly leave the auditorium and move into the lunchroom. |

**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Figurative Language**    Gale Sayers was an amazing football player. He was small and astonishingly fast. He befuddled opposition defenses with his crazy moves and left everyone in his wake. His nickname was the Kansas Comet because he attended college at the University of Kansas, where he was an All-American running back. In a game in his junior year, he set an NCAA record with a 99-yard run against Nebraska. The next year, he scored the winning touchdown against Oklahoma when he ran a kickoff back 96 yards. Many think he was the best open-field runner who ever played the game. He was like a ballerina among sumo wrestlers.  Which of the following is an example of a metaphor?  a. left everyone in his wake  b. All-American running back  c. small and astonishingly fast  d. the best open-field runner | **Vocabulary**  The farms were not nearly so well cared for here as they were farther back. There were fewer houses and fewer fruit trees, and the farter they went the more **dismal** and lonesome the country became.  As used in this sentence, what does the word dismal mean?  a. gloomy b. cheerful c. happy d. scared  Underline one detail that supports your answer choice. |
| **Parts of Speech**  **(1) As a way to protest the new dress code, the students all wore black. (2) They did it symbolically as a way to show that they were in mourning. (3) In fact, many took it a step further and refused to utter a single word throughout the day unless it was necessary.**  Which word in sentence 2 is an adverb?  a. show  b. they  c. symbolically  d. mourning | **Conventions**  Which sentence below has the correct capitalization?  a. I sent a thank-you note to aunt Elaine, but not to my other Aunts.  b. I sent a thank-you note to aunt Elaine, but not to my other aunts.  c. I sent a thank-you note to Aunt Elaine, but not to my other aunts  d. I sent a thank-you note to Aunt Elaine, but not to my other Aunts. |

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Fact/Opinion**  Despite the claims of dozens of people in Nepal, parts of China, and even North America, the creature known as the Abominable Snowman, or Yeti, is thought to be imaginary. Many people have described a heavily built, apelike, hairy creature with facial features that resemble a human being. But there has never been a shred of physical evidence.  Which of the following statements about Yeti is a fact?  a. Heavily built, apelike, hairy creatures are scary and intimidating.  b. People in several regions of the world claim that they have seen Yeti.  c. Some people believe in too many ridiculous legends.  d. Believing in the Abominable Snowman, or Yeti, is silly. | **Vocabulary**  From the threshold. I saw the glow of the railroad lantern. A fire burned in the little stove, warning the air slightly, but not enough to **dispel** the odor of kerosene, damp earth, and wool.  As used above, what does dispel mean?  a. appear b. drive away c. close d. fun faster  Underline one detail that supports your answer choice. |
| **Parts of Speech**  **(1) As a way to protest the new dress code, the students all wore black. (2) They did it symbolically as a way to show that they were in mourning. (3) In fact, many took it a step further and refused to utter a single word throughout the day unless it was necessary.**  Which word in sentence 3 is an adjective?  a. to  b. but  c. single  d. utter | **Conventions**  Which sentence is punctuated correctly?  a. The store had been closed for two days; however Murray still needed to get in  b. The store had been closed for two days; however, Murray still needed to get in.  c. The store had been closed for two days however Murray still needed to get in.  d. The store had been closed for two days however, Murray still needed to get in. |

**Thursday, November 15, 2012**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Point of View**  **Which passage below is written in first person?**  **a.** You should have practiced harder if you wanted to win the contest. You only spent two hours practicing on three days. The person who won practiced four hours a day for seven days. Now you know to work harder next time.  b. Mother hugged her child with tears in her eyes. She knew how badly Jamie wanted his team to win the game and how many hours he practiced alone. She was so proud of him! He won the game for his team!  c. The team members shook their heads and sighed. They wanted to win the game so badly, but it just didn't happen for them.Their coach told them he was proud of their hard work, but they knew he was disappointed.  d. I could not be more excited! After hours of practice, my basketball team won the state championship. I was on top of the world. It did not get better than this for me! | **Vocabulary**  He and Mom went outside after supper and sat on the swing. I could hear murmured conversation from them, but I don’t try to **eavesdrop**.  As used above, what does eavesdrop means?  a. repeat others b. say opposite c. listen secretly d. shout loudly |
| **Parts of Speech**  If you throw a penny in the **well,** you'll have good luck.  In this sentence, **well** functions as a(n)  a. adjective  b. noun  c. verb  d. adverb | **Conventions**  Which sentence is punctuated correctly?  a. However, the average world temperature has continued to rise significantly.  b. However the average, world, temperature has continued to rise, significantly  c. However, the average, world temperature, has continued, to rise significantly  d. However the average world temperature has continued to rise significantly. |

**Friday, November 16, 2012**

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| **Skills and Strategies: Bias and Propaganda**  In 1932, Adolf Hitler made the following statement to the German people.  "The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country. Russia is threatening us with her might, and the Republic is in danger. Yes - danger from within and without. We need law and order! Without it our nation cannot survive."  Which common propaganda technique did Hitler use in this statement?  a. Fear (warning of disastrous consequences)  b. Name Calling (link to something negative)  c. Testimonial (expert or famous endorser)  d. Bandwagon (everybody's doing it) | **Vocabulary**  The Egg was perfectly still for a few more minutes, and then it jerked. A hairline crack appeared on the top. Nothing else happened for what seemed a very long time, and then the Egg really began to move. It quivered, tilted, and rolled over. The crack lengthened, widened, and a tiny beak **emerged** at the top.  As used above, what does emerged mean?  a. shy b. rude c. sly d. unintelligent |
| **Parts of Speech**  **Bob:** How are you doing today? **Jerome:** I'm doing    1   . **Bob:** I'm glad you're having a    2    day.  a. 1. good 2. good  b. 1. good 2. well  c. 1. well 2. well  d. 1. well 2. good | **Conventions**  Circle which of the underlined words below is spelled incorrectly, and then type the correct spelling.  My neighbor seemed wierd until I truly got to know him. |