MIDTERM EXAM INFORMATION

DATE OF EXAM: Thursday, March 10th (no make-ups; special arrangements for accommodations must be made at least 3 days in advance)

TIME ALLOCATED: Full class period: approximately 75 minutes (Be on time!)

MATERIALS REQUIRED: • Blue Book Examination Booklet (available in bookstore)
• Blue or black pen (no pencils) and, if needed, ink correction tape/fluid
• Books and notes for reference
• NOTE: No electronic devices of any kind will be allowed during the exam.

TASK: There will be up to 120 points to earn on this exam. You will be given 5 passages from the selection of short stories you have read in A Little Literature. Your task will be to choose only 3 of the passages and write an extended interpretation/analysis (not an essay) comprised of a minimum of 2-3 fully developed paragraphs for each passage. In your well-developed paragraphs, you must discuss significant key issues, ideas, and/or themes conveyed within the given passage and how that particular passage expresses those ideas. (Be sure to focus on the passage itself. DO NOT restate or summarize the excerpt or story). (40 points each)

GRADING CRITERIA: Your exam will be graded on the overall development and accuracy of the information you provide. The points you earn (your grade) will be determined by how well you meet the criteria below, especially on the areas where you will need to analyze and interpret the passages:

1) Identification of the author and title of the story somewhere within your analysis
2) Development and support of your own ideas to show your understanding of the significance and meaning issues/ideas/themes that the passages reveal (min. 2-3 fully developed paragraphs)
3) Organization, coherence, and unity of the ideas for your analysis and explanations
4) Clarity of thoughts and ideas
5) Overall presentation, insight, and maturity of ideas
6) Accuracy of information and facts from the story
7) Complexity and completeness of ideas
8) Sentence skills and competency—grammar, punctuation, mechanics