

Guide to the Midterm

ENG 1112-S17

- A. Key Concepts: In this section of the test, you will need to identify or describe/define the following concepts that have been presented/discussed in class:

1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Person	Persona
Audience	Point of View
Detail (important vs. pertinent)	Profiles (subject, angle, details)
Ekphrastic Description	Semantic Field
Essay structure (introduction, body, conclusion)	Stance
Genre and Purpose of Writing	Structure of an Argument (argumentative fallacies, assertion, claim, conclusion, evidence, hypothesis, purpose/problem, reason, supposition)
Indirect vs. Direct discourse	
modes of writing (expository, comparative, analytic, argumentative)	Tone
Nash's Typology of Paragraph Structure (Balance, Chain, Step, Stack)	Thesis Statement (topic, question, potential theses)
Paramedic Method	Voice

- B. Analysis: In this section of the test, you will be asked to perform the following types of writing analysis:
- You will need to identify and correct sentence fragments, run-ons, incorrect verb tenses, erroneous subject/verb agreement, and improper use of commas.
 - You will need to identify a paragraph's structure using Nash's typology of paragraph structure.
 - You will need to identify and map the argumentative structure of a short text.
- C. Writing Exercise: In this section of the test, you will be given a topic and asked to write either an analytical, argumentative, comparative, or expository essay. Although you will not write the actual essay, you will need to produce the following evidence: brainstorming, graphic of preliminary organization (idea diagram or outline), and a thesis sentence (narrowed topic, problem, cue/framework/map).