

Unit 1 Vocabulary Quiz

1. Define the **central idea** of a story:

Central idea: _____

2. Match the 5 parts of the **plot** from "7th Grade" by placing the letter of the corresponding phrase on the line beside each part of the plot..

----- exposition	A. Victor and Teresa talk at the end of class. Mr. Bueller does not interrupt them.
----- rising action	B. Victor goes to the library to get French books.
----- climax	C. Victor is at school on his first day in 7th grade.
----- falling action	D. Victor likes Teresa and plans a way to get her attention.
----- resolution	E. During French class, Victor pretends to speak French to impress Teresa.

3. Analyze the following poem. Then *describe* the **theme** of the poem. Explain why you think this is the theme.

Once there was a tree...
 and she loved a little boy.
 And everyday the boy would come
 and he would gather her leaves
 and make them into crowns
 and play king of the forest.
 He would climb up her trunk
 and swing from her branches
 and eat apples.
 And they would play hide-and-go-seek.
 And when he was tired,
 he would sleep in her shade.
 And the boy loved the tree... very much.
 And the tree was happy.
 But time went by.
 And the boy grew older.

And the tree was often alone.
Then one day the boy came to the tree
and the tree said, "Come, Boy, come and
climb up my trunk and swing from my
branches and eat apples and play in my
shade and be happy."

"I am too big to climb and play" said
the boy.

"I want to buy things and have fun.
I want some money?"

"I'm sorry," said the tree, "but I
have no money.

I have only leaves and apples.
Take my apples, Boy, and sell them in
the city. Then you will have money and
you will be happy."

And so the boy climbed up the
tree and gathered her apples
and carried them away.

And the tree was happy.

But the boy stayed away for a long time...
and the tree was sad.

And then one day the boy came back
and the tree shook with joy
and she said, "Come, Boy, climb up my trunk
and swing from my branches and be happy."

"I am too busy to climb trees," said the boy.

"I want a house to keep me warm," he said.

"I want a wife and I want children,
and so I need a house. Can you give me a house?"

"I have no house,"
said the tree.

"The forest is my house,
but you may cut off
my branches and build a
house. Then you will be happy."

And so the boy cut off her branches
and carried them away
to build his house.

And the tree was happy.

But the boy stayed away for a long time.

And when he came back,
the tree was so happy
she could hardly speak.

"Come, Boy," she whispered,
"come and play."
"I am too old and sad to play," said the boy.
"I want a boat that will
take me far away from here.
Can you give me a boat?"
"Cut down my trunk
and make a boat," said the tree.
"Then you can sail away...
and be happy."
And so the boy cut down her trunk
and made a boat and sailed away.
And the tree was happy ... but not really.

And after a long time
the boy came back again. "I am sorry, Boy,"
said the tree, "but I have nothing
left to give you - My apples are gone."
"My teeth are too weak
for apples," said the boy.
"My branches are gone,"
said the tree. "You
cannot swing on them - "
"I am too old to swing
on branches," said the boy.
"My trunk is gone, " said the tree.
"You cannot climb - "
"I am too tired to climb" said the boy.
"I am sorry," sighed the tree.
"I wish that I could give you something...
but I have nothing left.
I am just an old stump.
I am sorry..."
"I don't need very much now," said the boy.
"just a quiet place to sit and rest.
I am very tired."
"Well," said the tree, straightening
herself up as much as she could,
"well, an old stump is good for sitting and resting
Come, Boy, sit down. Sit down and rest."
And the boy did.
And the tree was happy

What is the theme of this poem? Explain why you think so.

4. **Denotation** is the actual definition of a word. What is the **connotation** of a word? *Define* connotation.

Connotation: -----

* Is the connotation of the following sentence **negative** or **positive**? Circle one.

Everyone in the office respects Casey because of her kind but assertive attitude.

Positive or negative

Explain why you think so.

5. Read the following passage. Then, *create an objective summary*.

Around 2:00 A.M. on a moonlit night, the Spanish sailor Rodrigo de Triana yelled out the words his fellow sailors were so desperate to hear. "Land! Land!" The three small ships of Christopher Columbus's fleet had finally reached land. But what land? Columbus was aiming for Asia. Convinced that he'd reached it, he called the lands the West Indies and the natives Indians. In fact, Columbus had massively underestimated the size of the planet. He had unexpectedly found an area unknown to Europeans: The Americas of the new world. The precise location of this landfall remains a mystery. One possibility is an island in the Bahamas called Samana Cay.

Objective summary:

