

ENGLISH ORAL EXAM 2011

To: 6th Grade Students

From: Mr Gilbody

For the English oral exam you may choose one unit to study. You will be expected to talk in detail about your chosen unit and where possible make links to other subjects. You will be assessed on your **understanding of content (knowledge), use of subject and specific vocabulary, and elaboration of ideas and opinions.**

The Giver by Lois Lowry - HUMAN MEMORY

What is a Utopia?

What is the role of The Giver?

What is the role of the Receiver?

Explain the family community.

Why must Jonas receive memories?

Why is the community in black and white?

What are the stirrings?

Why can Jonas see colour?

Explain the idea of love in the The Giver?

What is the ritual of release?

Name other examples of rituals and ceremonies in The Giver

Who are the Committee of Elders?

Why is Jonas a misfit in his community?

Who are Rosemary, Gabriel, Katherine and Fiona?

Express an opinion of the ending of The Giver?

Explain how Jonas' community is different from the society we live in today. In which place would you like to live?

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer – JOURNEYS

You must prepare for the exam the tale you performed and one other tale you enjoyed reading.

What is a Pilgrimage?

Who was Geoffrey Chaucer?

What was the life of Geoffrey Chaucer?

Describe the character you played in the Canterbury Tales

Was there a moral to the tale you performed?

What were the main conflicts and resolutions in your tale?

Did the tale teach you anything about life in the middle Ages?

Arthur High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo – HEROISM

What is a legend?

Who was King Arthur?

What are the characteristics of a hero?

Explain the following ideas: Magic, love, hatred, revenge, good against evil

Explain the idea of apology (pardon) and forgiveness

What kind of men are Arthur and Lancelot? Are they heroes?

Paying specific references to events in the book, make a judgment of their characters?

What do you think about Guinevere? How do you judge her character?

Explain the "time lock" in the novel? How effective do you think it is?

What is the "acorn" ?

What can you say about the "screeching owl?

The Valley of Bluebells, the Kingdom of Logres or Paradise on Earth