8th Grade Study Guide

Directions: Read selection 1 and complete the questions that follow.

1. Summarize the article “Time to Ban Bottled Water” in at least 2 paragraphs. (Each paragraph should be at least 5 sentences.)

2. What does staggering mean as it is used in paragraph 2?

3. What does infrastructure mean as it is used in paragraph 4?

4. What is the purpose of paragraph 1?

5. How does the diagram enhance the selection 1?

6. What is the author’s argument in selection 1?

Directions: Read selection 2 and complete the questions that follow.

1. Summarize the article, “A Misguided Solution: The Water Bottle Ban” in at least 2 paragraphs. (Each paragraph should be at least 5 sentences.)

2. What is the author’s argument in selection 2? Support your answer with textual evidence.

3. How does the chart A enhance/support the author’s argument?

4. Would the author of selection 2 agree with the following statement? “Water is a luxury.” Explain your answer by providing at least 3 pieces of textual evidence.

5. According to the author of selection 2, why do people choose bottled water? Support your answer with textual evidence.

6. Compare the arguments of the authors in selections 1 & 2. How do their ideas differ?

Directions: Read selection 3, “the Old Man’s Comforts and How He Gained Them” and answer the questions that follow.

1. Explicate the poem, “The Old Man’s Comforts and How He Gained Them”. (Explicate stanza by stanza)

2. What does the word “hale” mean in stanza 1? What context clues did you use to gain an understanding of the meaning?

3. Explain Father Williams behavior in his youth.

4. What do the speaker’s words reveal about him? Support your answer with textual evidence.

Directions: Read selection 4, “You Are Old, Father William” and answer the questions that follow.

1. Explicate the poem, “You Are Old, Father William.” (Explicate stanza by stanza)

2. What causes Father Williams’ reaction towards the end of the poem? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

3. What is the author’s point of view in the poem? How does his point of view change? Support your answer with textual evidence.

4. Compare selections 3 & 4. How is Father William different in both selections? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

5. Compare selections 3 & 4. How is Father William the same in both selections? Use textual evidence to support your answer.

6. Compare the structures of BOTH selections.