

Middle School English Study Guide 2018-19

***A study packet that includes more detailed study questions will be provided on Friday, June 7, 2019. We will work through the study packet in class as review.**

I. Unit I: Journey's, Survival & Finding Home

A. "The Cremation of Sam McGee" by Robert Service

- Literary Focus: Central Idea-Nature's triumph over man; Survival
- Setting, Alliteration, Imagery

B. "To Build A Fire" by Jack London

- Literary Focus: Central Idea: Nature's triumph over man, Survival
- Setting, Imagery

Writing Focus: Compare and contrast these two works of literature.

Vocabulary:

1. Migrant
2. Immigrant
3. Refugee
4. Moil
5. Sidled
6. Apathetically
7. Ebbbed
8. Appease
9. Undulations
10. Homely
11. Dread
12. Loathe
13. Mincingly
14. Debt
15. Woe

C. *Julie of the Wolves/Cold River*

- Literary Focus: Central Idea-Survival, Family
- Plot; Characterization

Writing Focus: Summary; Making inferences about the text

Cold River Vocabulary

1. Formidable
2. Aerial
3. Protrude
4. Wince
5. Vigor

Julie of the Wolves Vocabulary

1. Infinitely
2. Prosperous
3. Taut
4. Intricate
5. Sauntered

II. Unit II: Working Conditions

A. *Lyddie*

- Literary Focus: Central Idea--'Big Questions'
- Plot; Characterization; Imagery; Text to text thematic comparison

Writing Focus: using the RACER strategy to form a cohesive response

Vocabulary:

1. Chide
2. Glower
3. Din
4. Adherence
5. Meager
6. Sham
7. Decrepit
8. Sweltering
9. Ashen
10. Garb
11. Conundrum
12. Turpitude
13. Chortle
14. Scrupulous
15. Tinder

