

Language Arts
Study Topics
2007 Academic Olympiad

The Language Arts test will use prose excerpts and short poetry pieces to test students' abilities to read, understand, and analyze literature. An understanding of the language of literature, grammar/usage concepts, and vocabulary development will also be tested.

Students should practice close reading of literature as well as develop a working understanding of the vocabulary of literature. ACTIVE and extended reading from fiction, non-fiction, and poetry genres is the best preparation for the exam. Most literature anthologies provide a wide selection of each of these genres. They also provide a glossary of literary terms. Students should prepare to demonstrate an ability to recognize theme, tone, language use, literary elements, grammar, etc. While the prose passages or poems may not be the exact selections students have studied, they can do well if they have a working knowledge of the language of literature and are able to read actively. Students should be familiar with the concepts on the Utah State Language Arts Core, Standard I, Objective 3 and Standard II, Objective 3.

Students will be required to make analogies. To develop proficiency with these questions, students should review the process of making analogies. Practice for these questions can be found in vocabulary books, grammar texts, and test preparation manuals.