**English II Study Guide for Test 1**

**“The Open Window” p. 10**

Characters-

Summary-

1. What does Framton Nuttel know about the Sappletons when he first arrives?
2. Who does Nuttel first meet when he arrives at the Sappletons’ home?
3. Why is Nuttel so surprised to hear that there was a tragedy in the house?
4. According to the story, what quality makes Vera such a good liar?
5. Why does Nuttel try to change the topic of the tragedy?
6. What does Nuttel think when Mrs. Sappleton exclaims, “Here they are at last!”
7. What lie does Vera tell her aunt at the end of the story?

**“The Californian’s Tale” p. 17**

Characters-

Summary-

1. Although the narrator describes the countryside in various ways, his strongest reaction to it centers on its
2. What is unusual about the cottage the narrator visits?
3. Why does the narrator agree to stay with Henry longer than he had first planned?
4. Which is an important clue to the ending that is ignored by the narrator?
5. As the time for the wife’s arrival draws closer, Henry becomes more and more
6. The narrator wants someone to stay with him after Henry goes to sleep because he
7. What turned out to be odd about the letter that Henry read aloud?

**“Contents of the Dead Man’s Pocket” p. 33**

Characters-

Summary-

1. Why does Tom want to spend the evening working?
2. Clare’s response to Tom’s desire to stay home is one of
3. When Tom first goes out on the ledge, he sees his action as mainly
4. When Tom reaches the paper and bends to retrieve it, he suddenly realizes
5. Walking back to the window is more difficult than walking away from it mainly because of a change in
6. When Tom imagines the report of “the contents of the dead man’s pocket,” he realizes that
7. Tom decides to take the risk involved in trying to break the window because

**“An Astrologer’s Day” p. 54**

Characters-

Summary-

1. According to the narrator, the astrologer’s success in his profession is primarily due to
2. The story suggests that the astrologer’s comments and observations please people by
3. Guru Nayak consults the astrologer because Nayak wants to
4. Why is Guru Nayak looking for the man who tried to kill him?
5. The astrologer’s remarks make Guru Nayak feel
6. Which of the following quotations is a clue to the surprise ending?
7. The astrologer’s wife’s reaction to his news suggests that she

**“Civil Peace” p. 64**

Characters-

Summary-

1. Jonathan was reluctant to part with his bicycle when a man seized it “for urgent military action” because Jonathan
2. When Jonathan discovers his damaged house in Enugu, he is overcome with feelings of
3. Jonathan stops going to the Coal Corporations when he realizes that
4. The variety of ways Jonathan and his family try to make money suggests that they are
5. The thieves are able to get what they want from Jonathan by
6. The morning after the robbery, Jonathan’s attitude could best be described as

**“Two Kinds” p. 88**

Characters-

Summary-

1. At first, Jing-mei thinks that being recognized as a child genius would be
2. Jing-mei’s mother constantly tests her in order to
3. Jing-mei’s mother and Auntie Lindo complain to each other as a way to
4. Jing-mei believes that she was prevented from becoming a good pianist by
5. Jing-mei’s mother arranges for her to perform in the talent show in order to
6. Jing-mei approaches the talent show with a feeling of
7. Jing-mei’s mother believes that what has kept her daughter from success is a lack of

**“The Car We Had to Push” p. 103**

Characters-

Summary-

1. The narrator suggests that, as a boy, he responded to the Get-Ready man with
2. The Get-Ready man’s shouted warning during *King Lear* are particularly amusing for all of the following reasons
3. The narrator suggests that he would like to relive the “exploding car” experience because
4. In saying that his mother couldn’t tell car parts from pantry utensils, the narrator suggests that she
5. The mother’s warnings to her sons to be sure not to drive the car around without gasoline are nonsensical because
6. What does the narrator seem to find particularly amusing about Uncle Zena’s death?