

# Georgia Milestones Review “Cheat Sheet”

## Eighth Grade Language Arts

### Literature~

Standard/Concept	Example “Milestone-type” Question
Citing text evidence	Kim does not want to move to a new city. Which sentence from the passage BEST supports this conclusion?
Determining central idea	Which sentence BEST states the central idea of the first paragraph?
Analyzing incidents in a story	Which incident in the scene sets up a conflict between Mike and Brett?
Determining word meanings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the word “immune” mean as it is used in the passage?</li> <li>• Which of the phrases BEST helps the reader understand the meaning of “immune”?</li> </ul>
Comparing structure of two texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which statement BEST describes how the structure of “Annabel Lee” contributes to its meaning?</li> <li>• Which of these BEST compares the use of repetition in “Annabel Lee” and “Remember?”</li> </ul>
Point of View	Which statement BEST describes Kelly’s point of view in the story?
Analyzing argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which statement BEST explains how the two authors disagree?</li> <li>• Which statement BEST summarizes how Lee’s and Kim’s ideas conflict?</li> </ul>
Determining theme	Which of the following sentences BEST describes an important theme about responsibility as described in “One Word of Advice”?
Author’s response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which statement BEST reflects the author’s response to the conflicting point of view in the paragraph?</li> <li>• Which statement BEST describes a point of view that conflicts with the author’s?</li> </ul>
Poetry analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the purpose of the poet’s use of the phrase “learn’d astronomer” in line 1 of the poem?</li> <li>• How does the structure of the two poems differ?</li> </ul>
Irony	How does the author of “The Expert” use dramatic irony to create humor in the story?
Allusion/ Analogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the speaker’s analogy, how are oceans and poems said to be alike?</li> <li>• What is the purpose of the speaker’s allusion to the labyrinth?</li> </ul>

### Writing~

Standard/Concept	Example “Milestone-type” Question
Sentences	Which of the following needs to be revised because it is NOT a complete sentence?
Specificity	In sentence 9, how can “spending some time” be written MOST specifically?
Punctuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In sentence 6, how is <u>company led</u> correctly written?</li> <li>• How should sentence 4 be written to reflect the correct use of punctuation and capitalization?</li> </ul>
Verb Tense	In sentence 8, how is <u>charms</u> correctly written?
Point of View	How should sentence 9 be changed to maintain a consistent point of view?
Revising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What change, if any, should be made to sentence 2?</li> <li>• What is the BEST way to revise sentence 8?</li> </ul>
Description	How can sentence 4 be rewritten to be MOST descriptive?
Structure	How can the writer BEST combine sentences 3 and 4 without changing the meaning?
Transitions	In sentence 12, “and” does not correctly link ideas. Which of these should be used instead?

## Grammar~

Standard/Concept	Example "Milestone-type" Question
Gerunds	What is the function of the gerund in the following sentence?
Participles	Which word in the sentences does the participle modify?
Infinitives	What is the function of the infinitive in the following sentence?
Active/Passive Voice	Which is the best way to change the voice in the following sentence from active to passive without changing the meaning?
Verb Moods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which revision changes the underlined clause from the conditional to the imperative mood?</li> <li>• Which sentence is correctly written to reflect the subjunctive mood?</li> </ul>
Shifts in Verbs	Which revision BEST corrects the shift in verb voice?
Verb Usage	Which of the following is the BEST substitute for the underlined verb in the sentence?
Ellipses	Which of the following shows how the writer could correctly shorten the quotation through the use of ellipses?
Comma	Which of the following sentences uses commas correctly?
Dashes	Which of the following sentences correctly illustrates the pause in the sentence using a dash?
Using Context Clues	What does the word <u>velocity</u> mean as it is used in the paragraph?
Prefixes/Suffixes	The prefix <i>sub-</i> means "under or after," and the root <i>sequ</i> means "follow." What is the meaning of <u>subsequently</u> as used in the sentence?
Using a Dictionary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which definition helps you understand the meaning of <u>overwhelmed</u> as used in the following sentence?</li> <li>• Using the dictionary entry above, what is the part of speech of <u>collapse</u> as used in the sentence?</li> </ul>
Using a Thesaurus	Using the thesaurus entry above, which is a synonym (or antonym) for <u>critical</u> as it is used in the sentence?
Verbal Irony	Choose the meaning of the verbal irony used in the following sentence – When Akira asks Deven, who is sick with the flu, if he is ok, he mumbled, "Never been better." What does he actually mean by this statement?
Connotation/Denotation	Which word has the same denotation as the underlined word but has a more negative (or positive) connotation?