**Topic for the English Exam- 8th grade**

1. **Effective Sentences and Word Choice- Chapter 2**
	1. Correcting Sentence fragments & run-ons
	2. Parallel structure
	3. Stringy and wordy sentences
	4. Colorful language
	5. Denotations and connotations
2. **Sentence Variety and Structure- Chapter 3**
	1. Varying sentence length
	2. Varying sentence beginnings
	3. Independent & Subordinate clauses
	4. Types of Sentence Structure
		1. Simple
		2. Compound
		3. Complex
		4. Compound-complex
	5. Using phrases
	6. Combining sentences
3. **Effective Paragraphs- Chapter 4**
	1. Main idea and topic sentences
	2. Descriptive vs narrative paragraphs
	3. Expository vs persuasive paragraphs
4. **Punctuation- Chapter 11**
	1. End marks & abbreviations
	2. Comma rules (1-13)
	3. Semicolon & Colons
	4. Quotation marks & Italics
	5. Punctuating Dialogue
	6. Apostrophes
	7. Other marks of punctuation
5. **Other**
	1. Writing section
	2. Proofreading section

\*\*Be sure to review notes, graded assignments, tests, and chapter reviews from the text book.\*\*