**Study guide: ELA test: Thursday, March 9th**

**“The Ravine” by Graham Salisbury**

**The test will be open book, open notes. The test will be mostly free response, written answers to questions about the story. There will be a vocabulary section with a word bank and fill in the blank questions.**

What is character development? What are character traits? What is character motivation?

How does Vinny’s character develop throughout the story?

What factors affect the characters in the story? Remember, setting is an important factor in a story.

How does the setting makes Vinny feel uneasy and afraid.

Describe Starlene’s personality based on her actions and ideas.

What conflict affects Vinny? What does this show the reader about Vinny’s personality?

What factors has Vinny been worrying about?

Who are the main characters?

Describe the main characters.

Understand the plot of the story.

Identify the conflicts in the story

Describe Joe-Boy’s personality.

What is the relationship like between Joe-Boy and Vinny?

Make inferences about Joe-Boy and Vinny’s relationship.

WHAT IS VINNY AFRAID OF? HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE STORY?

How do you **know** that Vinny walked back down the cliff instead of jumping off.

**Terms to know and be able to use:** inference, cascade, rivulet, precipice, gnarly, ravine, setting, conflict, winced, scoffed, parallel, draw conclusions, context clues, internal conflict, external conflict