

## **General Tips for the MCAS:**

- **NEVER** leave anything **BLANK!** Answer every question
- **Read the questions first (including the Open Response)**
- **Read the *italicized* introduction**
- **Take your time and use a highlighter when you read**
- **Get a good nights sleep: no phone, tv, or computer...sleep**
- **Make sure you eat breakfast**

## **Multiple Choice Tips:**

- **Read ACTIVELY...underline important information**
- **Find the Main Idea of the passage first**
- **Use the Process of Elimination**
- **Use Context Vocabulary**
- **Learn all your Literary Terms**
- **If you are still stuck...Guess!**

## **Open Response Tips:**

- **Read the question and make sure you understand it**
- **Re-phrase the question and use it for topic sentence**
- **Make sure to use examples and “quotes”**
- **Make sure you answer all parts of the question**
- **If you still can’t answer it...summarize the passage**

## **Writing Composition Tips:**

- **Have a book or a story that you know very well; the title, author, characters, plot, and themes**
- **Study the prompt and break it down, the structure of the essay is given in the question**
- **Always include the author and the title (underlined) in your thesis statement**
- **Make sure to include examples from the story**
- **Write an outline and rough draft first!**
- **Proofread and write final draft**
- **Have a strong conclusion.**

**You will all do fine! Tips to study before the test:**

- **Take your glossary home to study the words**
- **Re-read your story or book**
- **Review the material we have learned**
- **Relax and don't rush!**

**GOOD LUCK!!!!**