Mr. Valentine’s 10th Grade English – Vocabulary List for Unit 1, Week 3

1. **Dramatic Irony** – Noun – When readers know something that the characters in the story do not.

2. **Exemplum** – Noun – A story written to teach a moral or lesson.

3. **Eye Dialect** – Noun – A style of writing in which words are spelled how they’re pronounced in that region or culture, rather than how they are spelled in formal writing.

4. **Fable** – Noun – A story that features anthropomorphized or personified animals, legendary creatures, plants, inanimate objects, and/or forces of nature.

5. **Famine** – Noun – A scarcity of food, generally leading to starvation and death.

6. **Frame Story** – Noun – A large story that contains many smaller stories inside, aka vignettes.

7. **Situational Irony –** Noun – A form of irony in which something happens contrary to what you would expect.

8. **Verbal Irony** – Noun – A form of irony in which someone says something contrary to what is meant.

9. **Vernacular** – Noun – The language or dialect spoken by a people of a particular country or region, typically spoken informally rather than written, and sometimes seen as of a lower status.

10. **Vignette** – Smaller stories contained inside a larger story, or frame story.

Practice Problems

1. “Git ‘er dun!” is an example of the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. There are many tales within the Arabian Nights – Aladdin, Ali Baba, etc; this makes Arabian Nights a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. When writing essays or business letters, we use formal English; when speaking with friends or family, however, we typically slip into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a form we’re typically more comfortable with.
4. Aladdin, one of the stories within Arabian Nights, is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. If the Fire Station were to burn down, or if a vegetarian were to win a lifetime supply of steaks, these would be examples of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The old story of the Tortoise and the Hare, wherein walking, talking animals race, is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Juliet fakes her death; however, when Romeo gets there, he doesn’t know she’s truly alive. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
8. The story of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” teaches children not to lie; this story is an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
9. When all the crops failed and the livestock died of disease, the country suffered a severe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. While a hurricane raged outside, Joe-Bob said to his friends, “My, what lovely weather we’re having”; this was an example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .