**Composition: *Sentence Construction***

*Mrs. Jennings was a widow with an ample jointure. She had only two daughters, both of whom she had lived to see respectfully married, and she had now nothing to do but to marry off all the rest of the world. In the promotion of this object she was zealously active, as far as her ability reached; and missed no opportunity in projecting weddings among all the young people of her acquaintance.*

***Sense and Sensibility*** by Jane Austen

*Though Churchill had entered the Great War readily, if not eagerly, we must remember that he had warned in speech and print that it would be a catastrophe for humanity. He was the only one, apart from that brilliant prophet of the future H.G. Wells, to predict its horrors so clearly. And they proved worse than either supposed. Indeed, the first of the two world wars proved the worst disaster in modern history, perhaps in all history, from which most of the subsequent problems of the twentieth century sprang, and many of which continue, fortissimo, into the twenty-first.*

***Churchill*** by Paul Johnson

*From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall be remembered---we few, we happy few, we band of brothers; for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother, be he n’ere so vile, this day shall gentle his condition. And gentlemen in England, now abed, shall think themselves accursed they were not here, and hold their manhood cheap while any speak, that fought with us upon St. Crispin’s Day.*

***Henry V*** by William Shakespeare

*We Macedonians are to fight Medes and Persians, nations long steeped in luxury, while we have long been hardened by warlike toil and dangers, and above it all will be a fight of free men against slaves…upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all.*

***Battle of Issus, pre-battle speech*** by Alexander the Great

*They threw me off the hay truck about noon.*

***The Postman Always Rings Twice*** by James M. Cain

*All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.* ***Anna Karenina*** by Leo Tolstoy

*Kublai Khan does not necessarily believe everything Marco Polo says when he describes the cities visited on his expeditions, but the emperor of the Tartars does continue listening to the young Venetian with greater attention and curiosity than he shows any other messenger or explorer of his.*

***Invisible Cities*** by Italo Calvino

*There was a boy called Eustace Clarence Scrubb, and he almost deserved it.”* ***The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*** by C.S. Lewis

*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way – in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.”* ***A Tale of Two Cities***by Charles Dickens