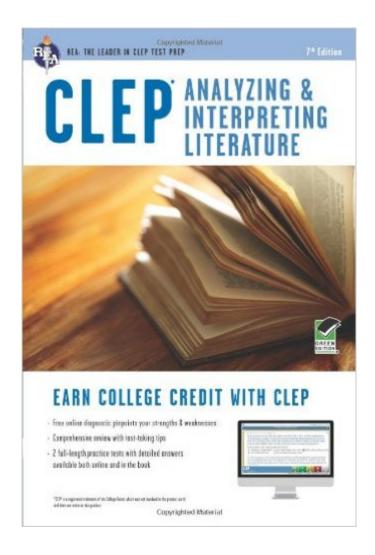
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getting me familiar with the format of the test (the printed version was all I had to work with - see above). However, there isn't much within the text that actually helped me prepare. In all fairness, I am an avid reader (not poetry!!) and could have simply taken this test at any time. If you are not much of a reader this book might be a good guide on what to read. It does not contain a list of what to read but if you read the material it uses as examples, it may help. Reading this book alone will NOT prepare you for this test.

I purchased this book a week before my scheduled CLEP exam, did the diagnostic test and got a 24, then spent the next few days studying. I read the book, took notes, and took both the sample exams online. I got scaled scores of 61 and 62 on the two sample exams, so I kept my appointment to take the exam as scheduled. I got a scaled score of 80! In fact, one of the poems on the exam version that I took was also part of one of the online exams that REA offered. If you take the diagnostic test, study the areas suggested, and do the practice exams, you should have a good indication of whether you are prepared for the CLEP. Highly recommend!

I passed! The only literature exposure I had was a nine-week course 15 years ago. This book helped me brush up on my literary terms. The two practice exams helped a lot along with explaining the correct answers and why the other choices were incorrect. After I took the practice exams online, I would go back and see what I got wrong and why they were wrong, which is what I think helped me the most in passing the actual Clep exam. I also purchased the 10.00 college board practice exam and that also helped.

I have just returned from successfully taking this test. I got a far better score than I anticipated and finished the test early. For me, this was one of the easier CLEP tests I've taken but I can see where it might be difficult depending on your prior reading habits. None of the CLEP tests are easy so it's especially disappointing when a study guide is so far off the mark, and there is little else out there to study. In my view, this guide and the accompanying online material do a huge disservice to anyone studying for this test. This company provides you with a variety of complex, mind numbing passages then presents you with 5 impossible-to-decipher answers. To kick dirt into your academic face, they provide analysis for each of their answers that is equally off the mark. Rather than help me study for the test, this material raised my anxiety level and gave me NOTHING I needed to get through the test. I didn't pass the sample tests. All I did was waste my time with this material which I reviewed thoroughly. The actual test was made up of complicated, but readable material and questions that

generally made sense, not a characteristic shared by this study material.

I'm not one to tell someone to take a test cold, but I read the first chapter that gives any "relevant" study information. This test just isn't something that you can blindly study for, but rather something that you should practice for. This test is something that you either know or you don't. If you aren't savvy at reading and comprehension (especially for various styles of works from various time periods) then you are going to have a hard time. I got a 59 on the test (50 required to pass) with minimal effort or study for it, but thats just because I have an average reading comprehension as opposed to those out there who get 60s and 70s on this thing. If you get this book, then your best bet is going to be heading strait to the practice tests and looking through the book for definitions of literary terms that you aren't familiar with or haven't seen in a while. I can't give this product 5 stars just due to the fact that there are other, free resources out there which potentially hold more benefit than this particular book. Find practice tests and read read. Thats the best way to prepare yourself for this test. By all means, if you need some extra practice tests on hand, this book is great. Don't bother with reading through the chapters though, its a waste of time.

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