***Name:***  ***Total* *Points: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***Clarify***

**Warm-up #1**

**Directions**

**1. Read the excerpt below.**

**2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified:**

**W, S, ? **

**3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence.**

**Excerpt from *The New York Times***

“Maybe you’ve been focused on politics in anticipation of what [many expect to be a chaotic Republican convention](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/14/us/politics/republican-convention-issues.html). Not only is there the possibility of a drawn-out fight over Donald J. Trump’s nomination, but some supporters of gay rights are threatening to strike the entire Republican platform, which is [staunchly conservative](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/13/us/politics/republican-convention-issues.html) in its treatment of sexuality, gender and religion.”

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**Warm-up #2**

**Directions**

**1. Read the excerpt below. It is a riddle poem, see if you can figure out what Tolkien is talking about.**

**2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified:**

**W, S, ? **

**3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence. Also, ask your teacher for the answer!**

1. Alive without breath, As cold as death;

Never thirsty, ever drinking, All in mail, never clinking.

-J.R.R. Tolkien

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**Warm-up #3**

**Directions**

**1. Read the excerpt below.**

**2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified:**

**W, S, ? **

**3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence.**

**Excerpt from *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings***

“Years later I discovered that the United States had been crossed thousands of times by frightened Black children traveling alone to their newly affluent parents in Northern cities, or back to grandmothers in Southern towns when the urban North reneged on its economic promises.”

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**Warm-up #4**

**Directions**

**1. Read the excerpt below. It is a riddle poem, see if you can figure out what Tolkien is talking about.**

**2. Highlight, or underline, and put a symbol next to the part that needs to be clarified:**

**W, S, ? **

**3. Use your academic language and ask for clarification in a complete sentence. Also, ask your teacher for the answer!**

1. Voiceless it cries, Wingless flutters,

Toothless bites, Mouthless mutters.

-J.R.R. Tolkien

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