“The Importance of Being Earnest” Unit Test Study Guide

1. Be familiar with these characters and some of the more memorable quotes they had in the play

* Algeron
* Cecily
* Gwendolen
* Jack
* Lady Bracknell
* Miss Prism

1. Know important plot elements of the play
2. Terms: Be sure to fully understand the terms as well as their synonyms and antonyms4
   1. Bunburying
   2. Charming
   3. Utilitarian
   4. Frivolous
   5. Metaphysical
   6. Bewildered
   7. Arduous
   8. Indecorous
3. Irony
   1. Comic
   2. Dramatic
   3. Irony of situation
   4. Verbal irony
4. Elements of Restoration Comedy
5. Why is the word “absurd” repeated throughout the play?
6. What is the importance of the characters of Miss Prism and Dr. Chasuble?
7. The title of the play
8. The consumption of food used as a symbol in the play.