

Easy Peasy All-in-One High School American Literature 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Exam

Section 1: Matching

Write the correct letter of each match next to the appropriate term.

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| 1. _____  | refrain          | a. a short poem of personal feelings                              |
| 2. _____  | assonance        | b. unstressed syllable, then stressed syllable                    |
| 3. _____  | pentameter       | c. line or lines which appears at the end of stanzas or divisions |
| 4. _____  | consonance       | d. a literary device explaining a character                       |
| 5. _____  | iamb             | e. two unaccented, short syllables                                |
| 6. _____  | allegory         | f. abstract ideas & principles are the characters & events        |
| 7. _____  | apostrophe       | g. typical character  |
| 8. _____  | characterization | h. repetitive use of consonants                                   |
| 9. _____  | archetype        | i. line with five strong metrical feet                            |
| 10. _____ | lyric            | j. a statement in concise and witty manner                        |
| 11. _____ | aphorism         | k. a repeating symbol, idea, or image related to the theme        |
| 12. _____ | pyrrhic          | l. unlikely but imaginative comparison                            |
| 13. _____ | motif            | m. vowel sounds are repeated                                      |
| 14. _____ | persona          | n. addressing a non-existent person or idea                       |
| 15. _____ | conceit          | o. the author's mouthpiece  |

Section 2: Multiple Choice and Short Answer Questions

1. Which of these elements found in the first lines of "Huswifery" are examples of Puritan Plain Style? (THREE of them are correct)

"Make me, O Lord, Thy spinning wheel, complete/Thy holy word my distaff make for me./Make mine affections Thy swift flyers neat/And make my soul Thy holy spoole to be".

- a) direct statements
- b) references to God
- c) reference to ordinary objects
- d) reference to emotions

2. From reading "The Earth on Turtle's Back," you can tell that the Onondaga value certain things in their culture. Which 2 of these items do they value?

- a) animals
- b) clouds
- c) riches
- d) dreams

3. Which author is known as the "father of free verse"?

- a) Walt Whitman
- b) Benjamin Franklin
- c) Herman Melville
- d) Edgar Allan Poe

4. What are 2 types of literature used by Puritans?

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5. What are differences between The Enlightenment and the Great Awakening?

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6. What are 2 images Jonathan Edwards uses in "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" to appeal to the senses of his readers?

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7. Who was the Revolutionary leader who authored the pamphlet Common Sense (1776), arguing for American independence from Britain?

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Match the concerns and writings with their respective literary periods

Concerns of Different Literary Ages
emotion, imagination, and intuition
religion and survival
politics, human rights, and commerce

Writings of Different Literary Ages
diaries, sermons, historical accounts, and poetry
philosophy, political documents, and speeches
poetry, short stories, novels, and philosophical essays

8. The Puritan Age

Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Writings: \_\_\_\_\_

9. The Age of Enlightenment

Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Writings: \_\_\_\_\_

10. The Romantic Age

Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Writings: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Which writer is often credited with inventing the genre of the "detective story"?

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12. "A noiseless patient spider,  
I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood, isolated,  
Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding,  
It launch'd forth filament, filament, filament, out of itself,  
Ever unreeling them, ever tirelessly speeding them."

Which literary technique does Walt Whitman use when he chooses "vacant vast" and "forth filament"?

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13. What character missed a wake-up call, turned failure into success, and became an American anti-hero?

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14. I heard a Fly buzz - when I died -  
The Stillness in the Room  
Was like the Stillness in the Air -  
Between the Heaves of Storm -

In the above passage by Emily Dickinson, which words create a slant rhyme?

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15. List 3 elements typical of a "gothic" literary work.

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