

Question 2

(Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

The following excerpt is from the opening of *The Beet Queen*, a 1986 novel by Louise Erdrich. Read the passage carefully. Then write a well-developed essay in which you analyze how Erdrich depicts the impact of the environment on the two children. You may wish to consider such literary devices as tone, imagery, selection of detail, and point of view.

Unfortunately, we do not have permission to reproduce the excerpt from Louise Erdrich's *The Beet Queen* on this website.

The excerpt consists of the first six paragraphs of the novel.