

**2002 AP<sup>®</sup> ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION FREE-RESPONSE  
QUESTIONS (Form B)**

Question 3

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

Often in literature a character's success in achieving goals depends on keeping a secret and divulging it only at the right moment, if at all.

Choose a novel or play of literary merit that requires a character to keep a secret. In a well-organized essay, briefly explain the necessity for secrecy and how the character's choice to reveal or keep the secret affects the plot and contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

You may select a work from the list below, or you may choose another work of recognized literary merit suitable to the topic. Do NOT write about a short story, poem or film.

*Beloved*  
*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*  
*Crime and Punishment*  
*Death of a Salesman*  
*A Doll House*  
*Ghosts*  
*Great Expectations*  
*The Great Gatsby*  
*Heart of Darkness*  
*The Importance of Being Earnest*

*Jane Eyre*  
*Light in August*  
*Macbeth*  
*The Mayor of Casterbridge*  
*The Piano Lesson*  
*The Playboy of the Western World*  
*Romeo and Juliet*  
*The Scarlet Letter*  
*Song of Solomon*

END OF EXAMINATION