

2014 AP[®] ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Question 3

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

It has often been said that what we value can be determined only by what we sacrifice. Consider how this statement applies to a character from a novel or play. Select a character that has deliberately sacrificed, surrendered, or forfeited something in a way that highlights that character's values. Then write a well-organized essay in which you analyze how the particular sacrifice illuminates the character's values and provides a deeper understanding of the meaning of the work as a whole.

You may choose a novel or play from the list below or one of comparable literary merit. Do not merely summarize the plot.

The Age of Innocence

Antigone

The Awakening

Beloved

The Crucible

Death of a Salesman

Ethan Frome

King Lear

Linden Hills

The Memory Keeper's Daughter

Much Ado About Nothing

Noah's Compass

Oryx and Crake

Othello

The Poisonwood Bible

The Portrait of a Lady

A Prayer for Owen Meany

A Raisin in the Sun

The Scarlet Letter

A Streetcar Named Desire

A Tale of Two Cities

Tess of the d'Urbervilles

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Things Fall Apart

A Thousand Acres

The Women of Brewster Place

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