

The Bluest Eye Sample Essay Questions

These are types of questions you will have for your in class timed essay. You will have 45 minutes to complete your essay and you will be scored by the AP Essay Rubric posted on the website.

On the day you take this, you WILL be able to use all notes you may have taken and the book so do not forget to bring it!

PRACTICE FREE RESPONSE QUESTION #3

Because the title is conventionally the first element of a novel or play the reader will encounter, it must be crafted in such a way that it will suggest information about plot, characters, and theme of the work without giving away too many details. Similarly, chapter titles provide insight into the developing story while also maintaining surprise and suspense. Using Toni Morrison's, *The Bluest Eye*, discuss the relationship between the chapter titles and the development of overall themes. Avoid plot summary.

PRACTICE FREE RESPONSE QUESTION #4

Using the novel *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison carefully read the passage from the opening pages of "Autumn" which begins, "She slept in the bed with us. Freida on the outside because she is brave..." and ends "...even as I learned that the change was adjustment without improvement."

ed by the author to characterize Claudia.

In a well-written essay, analyze the literary technique

QUESTION #5

PRACTICE FREE RESPONSE

"Spring" from Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* beginning, "The gray houses leaning like tired ladies..." and ending, "... and the sundown spilling on the lake." Discuss the use of imagery in the narration to assist in the

Carefully read the opening pages of the section entitled "Spring" from *The Bluest Eye* beginning, "We walked down tree-lined streets of..." and ending, "... and the honey in her words complete." Then, in a well organized essay, discuss the author's use of imagery in the development of a theme of the novel.