

Restoration Period Unit Exam Review Questions

1. What is Pepys's method for describing events in *The Diary*?
2. What is the main idea of the first part of Pepys's diary, titled "The Plague"?
3. Which line from *The Diary* shows that Pepys was a man of importance in London?
4. What is Pepys's attitude as he describes the plague in *The Diary*?
5. According to *The Diary*, what does Pepys do as a result of the great fire?
6. In the selections from *The Diary*, which emotions predominate in Pepys's descriptions of the people of London whom he hears about or passes on his walks through the city?
7. In "A Modest Proposal," what does Swift propose doing to solve the problem of poverty in Ireland?
8. What is a statement from "A Modest Proposal" that is an example of sarcasm?
9. According to "A Modest Proposal," how long does Swift propose that mothers keep their children?
10. Which term best describes the italicized portion of this statement from "A Modest Proposal"?
I grant this food will be somewhat dear, and therefore *very proper for landlords, who, as they have already devoured most of the parents, seem to have the best title to the children.*
11. Swift titled his essay, "A Modest Proposal." Which term best describes his use of the word *modest*?
12. Swift includes many facts and statistics in "A Modest Proposal." What seems to be his purpose in including this information?
13. Who is Swift's main audience for "A Modest Proposal"?
14. In "A Modest Proposal," why does Swift seem unconcerned about poor people who are old and sick?
15. What is the author's purpose in writing "A Modest Proposal"?
16. Why does Swift use terms, such as *breeders, males, and females*, when referring to the poor of Ireland in "A Modest Proposal"?
17. Why does Swift say in "A Modest Proposal" that more infants will be available in March of each year?
18. In "A Modest Proposal," Swift explains that an associate recommended eating teenage boys, but he rejected the idea. What was Swift's objection?
19. "A Modest Proposal" satirizes what?
20. The narrator of "A Modest Proposal" assumes the character of a(n)...
21. The narrator claims that landlords will benefit from the proposal because they will be able to...
22. The narrator of "A Modest Proposal" claims to have no personal motive behind his proposal because he...
23. In "A Modest Proposal," What does Swift offer as a serious solution to Ireland's problems?
24. What is the difference between a parody and a satire?
25. In *Gulliver's Travels*, what are the Lilliputians quarreling about that leads to war?
26. What is Swift satirizing in the story of the dispute between the Big-Endians and the Little-Endians in *Gulliver's Travels*?
27. In *Gulliver's Travels*, what is Swift satirizing when he writes about the Lilliputian wars?
28. What does Gulliver do to help prevent a war between the Lilliputians and the Blefuscuans in *Gulliver's Travels*?
29. In *Gulliver's Travels*, why does the Lilliputian king become angry with Gulliver?
30. In the story of how the dispute arose between the Big-Endians and the Little-Endians, the chief objects of Swift's satire are what?
31. In "A Voyage to Lilliput," what is Swift implying about Britain and France when he quotes the Lilliputian official's description of Blefuscu as "the other great empire of the universe"?
32. Think about why people might read *Gulliver's Travels*. How was Swift's use of satire an effective means of getting people to look at their beliefs about government and religion? How does satire challenge people to evaluate what they think? What are two examples to support the effectiveness/ineffectiveness of *Gulliver's Travels* as a way to awaken the awareness of readers?
33. What is the main idea of John Donne's "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning"?
34. How do you know "The Flea" contains a metaphysical conceit?
35. What is the conceit in John Donne's "Holy Sonnet X"?
36. What does *carpe diem* mean?
37. *Carpe diem* is a main theme of "To His Coy Mistress." Which of these lines best expresses this theme?
38. What attitude is expressed in this line from "To His Coy Mistress"?
The grave's a fine and private place, / But none I think do there embrace.
39. What is the speaker's message to his mistress in "To His Coy Mistress"?
40. At times, the speaker in "To His Coy Mistress" displays tongue-in-cheek humor. Which lines best show that humor?
41. *Carpe diem* is the theme of "To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time." Which of these lines best expresses that theme?
42. What is the meaning of the flower in these lines from "To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time"?
And this same flower that smiles today / Tomorrow will be dying.
43. During the 18th century, natural phenomenon were increasingly explained by...

ALSO: BE SURE TO REVIEW YOUR RESTORATION/ENLIGHTENMENT/NEOCLASSICAL PERIOD INTRO NOTES, AND BE SURE TO REVIEW THE ELEMENTS OF SATIRE!