

BRITISH LITERATURE FINAL EXAM REVIEW SPRING 2018

• THE RESTORATION PERIOD

- What is Pepys's method for describing events in *The Diary*?
- What is the main idea of the first part of Pepys's diary, titled "The Plague"?
- Which line from *The Diary* shows that Pepys was a man of importance in London?
- What is Pepys's attitude as he describes the plague in *The Diary*?
- According to *The Diary*, what does Pepys do as a result of the great fire?
- 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?
- In "A Modest Proposal," what does Swift propose doing to solve the problem of poverty in Ireland?
- What is a statement from "A Modest Proposal" that is an example of sarcasm?
- According to "A Modest Proposal," how long does Swift propose that mothers keep their children?
- 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.*
- Swift titled his essay, "A Modest Proposal." Which term best describes his use of the word *modest*?
- Swift includes many facts and statistics in "A Modest Proposal." What seems to be his purpose in including this information?
- Who is Swift's main audience for "A Modest Proposal"?
- In "A Modest Proposal," why does Swift seem unconcerned about poor people who are old and sick?
- What is the author's purpose in writing "A Modest Proposal"?
- Why does Swift use terms, such as *breeders, males, and females*, when referring to the poor of Ireland in "A Modest Proposal"?
- Why does Swift say in "A Modest Proposal" that more infants will be available in March of each year?
- In "A Modest Proposal," Swift explains that an associate recommended eating teenage boys, but he rejected the idea. What was Swift's objection?
- "A Modest Proposal" satirizes what?
- The narrator of "A Modest Proposal" assumes the character of a(n)...
- The narrator claims that landlords will benefit from the proposal because they will be able to...
- The narrator of "A Modest Proposal" claims to have no personal motive behind his proposal because he...
- In "A Modest Proposal," what does Swift offer as a serious solution to Ireland's problems?
- What is the difference between a parody and a satire?
- In *Gulliver's Travels*, what are the Lilliputians quarreling about that leads to war?
- What is Swift satirizing in the story of the dispute between the Big-Endians and the Little-Endians in *Gulliver's Travels*?
- In *Gulliver's Travels*, what is Swift satirizing when he writes about the Lilliputian wars?
- What does Gulliver do to help prevent a war between the Lilliputians and the Blefuscuans in *Gulliver's Travels*?
- In *Gulliver's Travels*, why does the Lilliputian king become angry with Gulliver?
- 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?
- 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"?
- 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?
- What is the main idea of John Donne's "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning"?
- How do you know "The Flea" contains a metaphysical conceit?
- What is the conceit in John Donne's "Holy Sonnet X"?
- What does *carpe diem* mean?
- *Carpe diem* is a main theme of "To His Coy Mistress." Which lines best express this theme?
- 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.*
- What is the speaker's message to his mistress in "To His Coy Mistress"?
- At times, the speaker in "To His Coy Mistress" displays tongue-in-cheek humor. Which lines best show that humor?

- *Carpe diem* is the theme of “To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time.” Which lines best express that theme?
- 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.*
- 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!

• THE ROMANTIC PERIOD

- What was the effect of the French Revolution on the British Romantic period?
- What was the effect of the Industrial Revolution on the British Romantic period?
- What is the difference between “Romantic” and “romantic”?
- What are the major characteristics of Romantic writers/poets?
- Summarize “The World Is Too Much with Us”.
- What is the significance of the albatross in “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”?
- How, why, and to whom does the Mariner tell his story?
- What is a Byronic Hero and how is it reflected in Lord Byron’s life?
- What does “Childe Harold’s Pilgrimage” and “Don Juan” reflect about a Byronic Hero?
- What is “She Walks in Beauty” about and what is its central metaphor?
- What effect does the nightingale have on the speaker of “Ode to a Nightingale”?
- What is the speaker’s state of mind during and at the end of “Ode to a Nightingale”?
- What is the point of “Ozymandias”? What/who is Ozymandias?
- What is ironic about “Ozymandias”?
- How does Frankenstein reflect the concerns of Romantic writers? How does it influence the gothic tradition?
- Be sure to review your biographical notes and intro notes as well!

Who are the main characters in *Pride and Prejudice*? What are the major plot points in the novel?

• THE VICTORIAN PERIOD

- What horrible things happen to Mr. Rochester and how does Jane react? What is their relationship like?
- How is Mr. Rochester a Byronic Hero?
- How does Bertha Mason come to live in Mr. Rochester’s attic?
- Which elements of Gothic literature appear in *Jane Eyre*?
- Which elements of Victorian literature appear in *Jane Eyre*?
- What social commentary is Charlotte Brontë making in *Jane Eyre*?
- What’s going on in Robert Browning’s “Porphyria’s Lover”?
- Why was “Porphyria’s Lover” popular with a Victorian audience?
- How do you know that “Porphyria’s Lover” is a dramatic monologue?
- Which elements of Gothic literature appear in “Porphyria’s Lover” and “My Last Duchess”?
- Which elements of Victorian literature appear in “Porphyria’s Lover” and “My Last Duchess”?
- How is “My Last Duchess” a dramatic monologue?
- Who’s talking in “My Last Duchess,” and about whom is he talking?