

Explanation of Answers about Thesis Statements in Quiz 2

6. Multiple Choice: 6: Which of the following is a good thesis statement?

Points: 1

Question

Which of the following is a good thesis statement for a literary essay?

Answer

1. This essay will explore the use of verbal, situational, and dramatic irony in "Salvation" by Langston Hughes

2.

Both "A White Heron" by Sarah Orne Jewett and "Araby" by James Joyce are compelling stories about adolescents of different genders.

3. What are the many reasons that the timeline has been distorted in "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner?

✓ 4.

It is clear from the vocabulary and language of the narrator of "Araby" that he is an adult looking back on a painful event from childhood.

Question 1: Incorrect

This is simply an announcement of your topic.

Question 2: Incorrect

This is a simply statement of fact.

Question 3: Incorrect

This is a question, not a statement.

Question 4: Correct

This statement is specific can be developed into a thoughtful essay focusing on narrative voice and tone.

7. Multiple Choice: 7: Choose an appropriate thesis sta...

Points: 10

Question

Choose an appropriate thesis statement for the following prompt:

"Write a 2-3-page essay in which you discuss how setting enhances an understanding of the protagonist in either "Salvation," "A White Heron," or 'Araby,'"

Answer

1. All three stories employ different settings, yet each serves a similar purpose.

2.
This essay will examine how the time and place of the three coming-of-age stories help readers understand the psychology of the protagonist.

3. All three stories present a dilemma for a young person on the cusp of adulthood, which leads to an epiphany.

4. The dark and gloomy setting of "Araby" helps readers understand the protagonist's need for light in his life.

Question 1: Incorrect

The prompt asks you to to discuss the function of setting in one of the stories, not all three. In addition, the statement is vague, and does not tell what the setting is nor what its purpose is.

Question 2: Incorrect

This is a simply an announcement of what you are going to discuss.

Question 3: Incorrect

The prompt asks you to discuss setting in one of the stories, not all three. In addition, this statement does not relate to setting.

Question 4: Correct

This statement is specific and can be developed into an essay about how the gloomy setting of "Araby" helps the reader understand the protagonist's emotional needs.

8. Multiple Choice: 8: Which of the following is a good thesis statement for the following prompt?

Points: 10

Question

Which of the following is a good thesis statement for the following prompt:

"In a 2-3-page essay discuss how "A White Heron" by Sarah Orne Jewitt can be viewed from the perspective of feminism."

Answer

1.

"A White Heron" is a story by feminist writer Sarah Orne Jewitt about an adolescent girl who has moved from the city to the peace of the countryside.

2. I will be discussing the issues of feminism in the coming-of-age story "A White Heron" by Sarah Orne Jewitt.

✓ 3.

In "A White Heron" by Sarah Orne Jewitt, the young heroine is challenged by patriarchal power in the form of the young hunter.

4.

Sarah Orne Jewitt was an early feminist, and many of her works depict female characters at odds with male society.

Question 1: Incorrect

This is simply a statement of fact about the plot.

Question 2: Incorrect

This is simply an announcement of the topic.

Question 3: Correct

This statement addresses the question about feminist perspective and relates it specifically to the characters in conflict in "A White Heron."

Question 4: Incorrect

This statement is a biographical fact that does not relate specifically to "A White Heron."

9. Multiple Choice: 9: Which is the appropriate thesis state...

Points: 10

Question	Which is the appropriate thesis statement for the following prompt? "In a 2-3 page paper, write a character analysis of Miss Emily Grierson from "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner."
Answer	<div>1. "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner tells the tragic story of a southern woman through the collective voice of the town.</div> <div>2. This essay will analyze the complex character of Emily Grierson, the enigmatic protagonist of "A Rose for Miss Emily" by William Faulkner.</div> <div>3. Emily Grierson in "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner is a tragic character, who has been thwarted by a selfish father.</div> <div>4. Literature is full of tragic characters, and Emily Grierson of "A Rose for Emily" by William Faulkner is no exception.</div>

Question 1: Incorrect

This does not address the prompt about character analysis.

Question 2: Incorrect

This is a simply an announcement of your topic.

Question 3: Correct

This idea is specific and can be developed into a full-length essay about the effect of Miss Emily's upbringing on the development of her character.

Question 4: Incorrect

This is a vague, overly general remark that sheds no light on the character of Miss Emily.

10. Multiple Choice: 10: Which is an appropriate thesis statement...

Points: 10

Question	<p>Which is an appropriate thesis statement for the following prompt:</p> <p>"Discuss how the appearance of the beautiful corpse in "The Most Handsome Drowned Man" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez brings about change in the village."</p>
Answer	<div><div>1. In everyone's life there are magical moments that change them forever.</div><div>2. This essay explores elements of Magical Realism and the role they play in "The Most Handsome Drowned Man" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, including how the villagers change.</div><div>3. When the beautiful corpse washes up on the shore, the villagers open their minds to new possibilities as they imagine the life story of the dead man.</div><div>4. In "The Most Handsome Drowned Man" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, how does the beauty of the corpse change the women of the village as they clean his body and imagine the life he might have lived?</div></div>

Question 1: Incorrect

This is a vague, general remark that says nothing about the story itself.

Question 2: Incorrect

This does not address the prompt and is an announcement of the topic.

Question 3: Correct

This statement is specific to the story and can be developed into a full-length essay about how and why the villagers change after the appearance of the dead man.

Question 4: Incorrect

This is a question, not a statement.