

Discussion Questions

Since Friday, 02.16.18, you should have read a major portion of section 2 from the novel *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner. Answer **all** of the following discussion questions. If you want to use elbow partners that is fine. **For each question you should have 5 or more sentence response.**

- A. All of the novel's major events are referenced in fragments throughout Benjy's section. Yet this chapter is considered the most confusing. Chapters which follow resolve or present further details centered on Benjy's observations in the background. What are some of the resulting effects from presenting the novel in this fashion— considering how Quentin presents his narration in the second chapter? Why is the character of Benjy chosen to introduce the family's full narrative, rather than Quentin?
- B. Despite her importance to the plot, why is Caddy not allowed to present her own narrative-section in the novel? Cite evidence from the novel.
- C. Each section has a specific date rather than a chapter number. Quentin's section in particular is eighteen years in the past, creating a large division of time within the family history. Why is he separated in time from the "now" moment of Easter 1928? What do you make of his obsession over Caddy and family honor? What crucial action does he take after his first year of college at Harvard? Cite evidence from the novel.

Due: Wednesday 03.07.18, end of class
