

English III: American Literature

Name: _____

***RACE** : Writing a GREAT Short Answer Response!*

Four Step Process

1. **Restate** the question asked
2. **Answer** (supply your main idea, your strongest observation)
3. **Cite or provide evidence from the text**

Cite evidence from the material which supports your answer.

A good response will carefully **analyze the text**, offer textual evidence (quotes) from the piece that will directly support your answer **and will explain how the evidence supports your answer**.

4. **Explain and Elaborate on your answer and the evidence**

Explain in depth your viewpoints. Do not just say something is true, *prove* it. **Show how the evidence supports the answer; supply reasons your answer is correct.**

Review Test Question:

*Using full sentence format, create a **value claim** which states whether you view Hawthorne's story "The Minister's Black Veil" contains an effective point for the modern world. In other words, can the average person in the Technology Age fully appreciate Hawthorne's points on morality?*

Response:

1. **Value Claim/Repeat:** I feel that Nathaniel Hawthorne's story, "The Minister's Black Veil" does have a major point even for the modern reader.
2. **Answer:** This is because Hawthorne discusses how different definitions of morality affect the average community and the average individual.
3. **Cite/Provide:** Hooper is shown in the story as an isolated figure struggling with the opposing notions of his congregation.
4. **Explain:** As a result, his conflict with the Puritan village can translate to the average person in his/her average community.

Main Objective

Create a value claim about your favorite character from a television program.

Provide brief evidence from the show which defends your viewpoint. In other words, explain a scene which shows how the character operates in his/her personal universe.

1. Value Claim/Repeat Prompt: I feel that my favorite television character is:

2. Answer: This is because:

3. Cite/Provide: In the show, he/she once:

4. Explain: As a result, I fell that:
