

2016 AP[®] ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Question 3

(Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

Many works of literature contain a character who intentionally deceives others. The character's dishonesty may be intended either to help or to hurt. Such a character, for example, may choose to mislead others for personal safety, to spare someone's feelings, or to carry out a crime.

Choose a novel or play in which a character deceives others. Then, in a well-written essay, analyze the motives for that character's deception and discuss how the deception contributes to the meaning of the work as a whole.

You may choose a work from the list below or another work of comparable literary merit. Do not merely summarize the plot.

Anna Karenina

As You Like It

Atonement

Beloved

The Blind Assassin

The Bonesetter's Daughter

The Burgess Boys

Catch-22

The Color Purple

Crime and Punishment

The Crucible

A Doll House

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

The Great Gatsby

Hamlet

Heart of Darkness

In the Lake of the Woods

Invisible Man

Jane Eyre

Jude the Obscure

The Kite Runner

M. Butterfly

Madame Bovary

The Memory Keeper's Daughter

Middlesex

Much Ado About Nothing

Never Let Me Go

Oryx and Crake

Othello

The Picture of Dorian Gray

The Portrait of a Lady

Pride and Prejudice

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Twelfth Night

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

The Women of Brewster Place

Wuthering Heights

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water