DELAWARE ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 1 · 10 QUESTIONS

American Literature — Practice Test

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1 **Which of the following is an example of transcendentalism?**

- A a writer finding wisdom in a walk through woods
- B a farmer building a better life for his children
- C a story full of prairie speech and customs
- D a family beaten by a harsh winter

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2 **Which statement best describes transcendentalism?**

- A the American dream is an ideal, not a guarantee
- B transcendentalism values the individual conscience over institutions
- C regionalism uses local detail to make a place feel real
- D naturalism stresses environment and chance over free choice

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3 **Which term is defined as follows: writing that shows ordinary life as it is?**

A realism

B American dream

C regionalism

D naturalism

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4 **Which of the following is an example of realism?**

A a farmer building a better life for his children

B a plain account of a storekeeper's day

C a story full of prairie speech and customs

D a family beaten by a harsh winter

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5 **Which statement best describes realism?**

A the American dream is an ideal, not a guarantee

B regionalism uses local detail to make a place feel real

C realism avoids romantic exaggeration

D naturalism stresses environment and chance over free choice

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6 **Which term is defined as follows: a contrast between expectation and reality?**

A American dream

B irony

C regionalism

D naturalism

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7 **Which of the following is an example of irony?**

- A a farmer building a better life for his children
- B a story full of prairie speech and customs
- C a fire station burning down
- D a family beaten by a harsh winter

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8 **Which statement best describes irony?**

- A the American dream is an ideal, not a guarantee
- B regionalism uses local detail to make a place feel real
- C naturalism stresses environment and chance over free choice
- D irony depends on the gap between what is expected and what happens

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9 **Which term is defined as follows: a brief reference to a well known person, place, or work?**

A American dream

B regionalism

C allusion

D naturalism

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10 **Which of the following is an example of allusion?**

A a farmer building a better life for his children

B a story full of prairie speech and customs

C a family beaten by a harsh winter

D a reference to the story of David and Goliath

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**5.**	C	**9.**	C
2.	B	**6.**	B	**10.**	D
3.	A	**7.**	C		
4.	B	**8.**	D		

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