IOWA ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 1 · 10 QUESTIONS

# American Literature — Practice Test

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**1** **Foreshadowing in a story most often does what?**

- A Explains the ending in full detail
- B Introduces every character at once
- C Repeats the title of the story
- D Gives hints about events that will happen later

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**2** **Mood in literature refers to what?**

- A The speed at which a book is printed
- B The number of chapters in a novel
- C The age of the author
- D The feeling or atmosphere a reader experiences

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3 **Which of the following is an example of an archetype?**

- A A list of state capitals
- B A map of a train route
- C The hero's journey from home to a test and back
- D A recipe for baking bread

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4 **Satire in American literature most often does what?**

- A Avoids all humor and emotion
- B Uses humor and exaggeration to criticize human flaws or society
- C Praises leaders without question
- D Describes nature in scientific detail

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5 **Regionalism in literature focuses most on what?**

- A Events that happen in outer space
- B The lives of kings and queens
- C Stories with no setting at all
- D The customs, speech, and landscape of a particular place

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6 **Naturalism in literature most often shows characters shaped by what?**

- A Forces beyond their control, such as nature, society, or fate
- B Their own free choices alone
- C Magic spells and curses
- D Advice from wise animals

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7 **Southern Gothic literature is best known for which features?**

A Cheerful stories about city life

B Mystery, decay, grotesque characters, and dark humor

C Scientific reports about weather

D Poems with no conflict

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8 **Free verse poetry is best defined as poetry that does what?**

A Follows no fixed rhyme scheme or meter

B Always rhymes every other line

C Has exactly fourteen lines

D Is always sung aloud

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## How many lines does a traditional sonnet have?



ANSWER

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**10** **What is the difference between tone and mood?**



A Tone is the author's attitude, while mood is the feeling created for the reader.

B Tone is the setting, while mood is the plot.

C Tone and mood mean exactly the same thing.

D Tone is the title, while mood is the ending.

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# ANSWER KEY

1. D
2. D
3. C
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. A
9. 14
10. A

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