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

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