NEBRASKA ENGLISH 11 · UNIT 1

American Literature — Practice Test

Nebraska English 11 • 10 questions

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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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