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Task III Short Answers

For the new Regents exam, you need to complete two short answers for Task III. These two short answers will deal with the controlling idea of both passages and literary elements in both passages. Please use this sheet to help you compose your short answers.

Short Answer # 1: Controlling Idea

- Both of these passages share the same topic. Your job is to discuss how these different passages are linked. This is what a controlling idea is.
- Your FIRST sentence should include your topic. This was given to you in your *Task*. This is NOT your controlling idea!
- Your SECOND sentence should include the main message from Passage 1 (a very short plot summary).
- Your THIRD sentence should include the main message from Passage 2 (a very short plot summary).
- Your LAST sentences should include your controlling idea and proof. How are these two passages linked? What commonality do they share? It should also include **DETAILS** from both passages to prove your controlling idea.

Short Answer # 1 Basic Format:

Both passage 1 and passage 2 are about _____.

Passage 1 is about _____.

Passage 2 is about _____.

The controlling idea for both passage 1 and passage 2 is _____.

Passage 1 proves this by (details) _____.

Passage 2 proves this by (details) _____.

Short Answer # 2: Literary Devices (Elements)

- In some cases, the test will direct you to a specific literary element and passage. If that doesn't happen, and you have to pick your own, please be careful!
- Select a literary device that you know by heart!
- **Make sure that you point out the lines in the passage(s) that contain the literary element. Make sure that you explain the line reference.**
- Don't just select any random element. The element needs to relate back to the controlling idea. For example, don't pick onomatopoeia just because it is the easiest one. If the onomatopoeia in the passage doesn't relate to your controlling idea, **don't use it!**
- If you need to find literary devices for both passages, you can use the same element. Just make sure that you can explain how it relates to your controlling idea.
- Elements you could use: imagery, characterization, theme, setting, or symbol. However, anyone that you know (and that works) can be used.