

Old Western Culture

A Christian Approach to the Great Books

Year 4: Early Moderns

Unit 2

Poetry & Politics

Romantic and Victorian Poets in the Age of Revolution

Answer Key



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NOTES FOR PARENT OR TEACHER

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Have the student answer all questions in full sentences.
- Exam should take 45 to 90 minutes. Do not allow more than 2 hours.
- Feel free to allow the student more paper, or to type the answers on a computer.
- This is a closed-book exam. If typing the answers, no Internet access allowed.

POINT SYSTEM

This exam consists of ten questions, valued at 8–12 points each, for a total of 100 points.

Two extra credit questions are worth 5 points each. If a student answers correctly to all questions, as well as the bonus questions then he or she will have scored 110%. Partial credit (e.g., 5/10 points) may be given if the student correctly answers part of the question, but misses some important elements. Points lost on the main exam can be recouped by answering the bonus questions correctly.

HOW TO GRADE

Because the exam consists of essay questions, it will be both harder to answer and harder to grade compared to multiple choice exams. However, it allows the student to think through what he has learned in a deeper and more meaningful way and aids in long-term retention and more useful application. For example, you will find that a student who is required to answer essay questions will more easily integrate what he has learned into his general knowledge and able to use it in informal conversation.

Since these are not multiple choice, *answers will vary*. This answer key provides sample correct responses for each question, but it is very possible that a varying answer may still be correct. If you have followed along with the video and interacted with your student throughout the term, you should be able to determine if a certain variation on the answer is a correct one. If you are truly not sure, sit down with your student and figure out the correct answer together. You can also submit questions by sending an email to info@romanroadsmedia.com.

Also, we purposefully created short and concise answers in this answer key. We expect most student answers to be longer, though this is not a requirement. Many of these questions could be an entire paper topic, and we would encourage students display as much of their knowledge as they can on the paper. This is also why we encourage the parents or teacher to allow the student to type out the answers.



HOW TO STUDY FOR THE TEST

Have your student read through his or her notes from throughout the term as general preparation, as well as study the answers from the workbook questions. These questions will be familiar to the student who has worked through all questions in their workbook.

THE A AND B EXAMS

This course includes two exams, designated A and B. Although there is some overlap, many of the questions will be different, but equivalent. These tests may be used in a couple of ways. One way is to use exam A as a practice exam, open or closed book, and exam B as the graded, closed-book exam. Exam B could also be used as a “second chance” exam if exam A didn’t go as well as the student had hoped.

There is flexibility here, and the parent or teacher is free to choose if and how to use the extra exam.

“MY STUDENT IS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING 100%!”

This can prove a frustration with essay exams. One thing to watch out for is that there *is* variation in correct answers. Read the “How to Grade” note in the previous page for more information on this.

Another issue is that we have culturally grown accustomed to 100% being the norm for a “good student” and believe that less than 100% indicates a crucial deficiency. But 100% in the classical Latin system is “SCL” (*Summa Cum Laude*), which means “with highest praise.” In the Latin system of grading, SCL is reserved for the student who goes beyond the call of duty, and often even teaches the teacher something. In a system where “good” is 100%, going beyond the call of duty is not incentivized, and good students do not progress. So do not worry if your student gets an 85% —in the Latin system that’s a CH, or *Cum Honore*, with honor —and should be received as such.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at info@romanroadsmedia.com. We love to hear from our parents and teachers, and look forward to serving you in any way possible!



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Exam A Answer Key

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What is the Enlightenment? (10 pts)

The Enlightenment was a philosophical movement started in the 1700s which emphasized human reason as the key way to know and interpret the world.

2. In the essay by Lewis, he looks at several moments in the past as possible key turning points in history. List out 4 of them. (10 pts)

1) Greek and Romans transition

2) Collapse of the Roman empire

3) End of the Middle Ages and beginning of the Renaissance

4) Reformation

5) Age of Science

3. Where does C.S. Lewis place the key turning point in history? (10 pts)

He places it in the Age of Jane Austen.

4. Edmund Burke is the father of what political vision? (10 pts)

He is the father of Modern Conservatism.

5. What are the three key rights that Burke says the French are interested in? (10 pts)

1) To choose our own governors.

2) To cashier them for misconduct.

3) To frame a government for ourselves.

6. What does the word "romance" mean? (10 pts)

It means adventure.

7. What does Alexis De Toqueville hope will come from his study of democracy in America? (10 pts)

He hopes that his study will help to repair and reform democracy in Europe.

8. What is the danger in how Tennyson handles Reason and Faith? (10 pts)

The danger is that he has separated Reason and Faith from each other and he is just hoping that faith will be true. He has given up on Reason being a tool that agrees with Faith.

9. What is a dramatic monologue? (10 pts)

A poem which is told from the perspective of one person or one voice.

10. What is a sonnet? (10 pts)

It is a poem that is 14 lines of iambic pentameter.



EXTRA CREDIT

11. What are the five key characteristics of the Romantic Movement?

(BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 Pts.)

1) Love of nature _____

2) Children and their innocence _____

3) Nationalism _____

4) Primitivism _____

5) Supernaturalism _____

12. What is the danger of trying to evaluate works in western culture that are close to our own time?

(BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 pts)

We are so close to these works that there is not a long enough time for many people to comment on and support these works as truly important to western culture. We can think something is important and wonderful, but it may not really stand the test of time.



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Exam B Answer Key

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. What is the Enlightenment? (10 pts)

The Enlightenment was a philosophical movement started in the 1700s which emphasized human reason as the key way to know and interpret the world.

2. What is a tetrameter? What is a dimeter? What is an iambic foot? What is a trochaic foot? (10 pts)

Tetrameter is four feet. Dimeter is two feet. An iambic foot is two syllables, the first syllable is unstressed and the second syllable is stressed. A trochaic foot is two syllables, the first syllable is stressed and the second syllable is unstressed.

3. Where does C.S. Lewis place the key turning point in history? (10 pts)

He places it in the Age of Jane Austen.

4. What do conservatives believe? (10 pts)

They believe that it is best to conserve the past and to change things slowly. These old things are beneficial and should not be removed unless for good reason.

5. How does Burke use Marie Antoinette as an example of what the French have destroyed in the revolution? (10 pts)

She is a picture of true honor, true nobility, and the "spirit of exalted freedom" that can only be found in a respect for the hierarchy of France's society. When France killed its nobility, it also killed its sense of the noble virtues that reached back through the history of France.

6. The Romantic Movement is a reaction to what movement? (10 pts)

It is a reaction to the Enlightenment Movement.

7. What is the law of Primogeniture? Is this a practice in America? (10 pts)

This is the rule for inheritance where the eldest son is the sole inheritor of his father's goods and property. This is not the practice in America.

8. What theme from the Romantic Movement does Poe focus on? (10 pts)

He focuses on the Occult and the supernatural.



9. What is Browning's idea about how art should work? (10 pts)

He says art should catch us so that we see something that we have seen previously in nature and we see it with fresh eyes.

10. What is enjambment in poetry? (10 pts)

It is where a sentence wraps or continues from one line to the next.

EXTRA CREDIT

11. What ancient heresy returned during the Enlightenment? What does it teach?

(BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 Pts.)

Pelagianism reappeared in the age of the Enlightenment. It teaches that man's reason and will are not really as fallen as some have claimed.

12. What is the “democracy of the dead”?

(BONUS FOR EXTRA CREDIT. 5 Pts.)

That is the idea that we need to give those of the past a voice in matters of
the present. This is a way to respect the past and what we have received
from them.