

### Definitions

**Theme** the subject of a talk, a piece of writing, a person's thoughts, or an exhibition; a topic

**Figurative Language** Figurative language is language that uses words or expressions with a meaning that is different from the literal interpretation

**Author's Purpose** An author's purpose is the reason an author decides to write about a specific topic.

**Thesis** a statement or theory that is put forward as a premise to be maintained or proved. a long essay or dissertation involving personal research, written by a candidate for a college degree.

**Rephrasing** express (an idea or question) in an alternative way, especially with the purpose of changing the detail or perspective of the original idea or question

**Paraphrasing** a rewording of something written or spoken by someone else.

**Generalizing** make a general or broad statement by inferring from specific cases

**Summarizing** give a brief statement of the main points of (something)

**Metaphor** a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable

**Argument** an exchange of diverging or opposite views, typically a heated or angry one

### Definitions (cont)

**Direct characterization** Direct characterization is how an author tells his or her reader about a character.

**Indirect characterization** Indirect characterization is the process by which the writer shows the character's personality through speech, actions and appearance.

**Narrative poem** Narrative poetry is a form of poetry that tells a story, often making use of the voices of a narrator and characters as well; the entire story is usually written in metered verse

**Alliteration** the occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words

**Sequence** a particular order in which related events, movements, or things follow each other

**Inference** a conclusion reached on the basis of evidence and reasoning

**Historical Context** Historical context refers to the moods, attitudes, and conditions that existed in a certain time. Context is the "setting" for an event that occurs, and the elements, conditions, and characteristics of this specific time will have an impact on the relevance of the event



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### Questions

In "Nature," what element of nature does Emerson find particularly effective in inspiring deep respect and a sense of solitude?

The ability to find truth in solitude and nature.

Emerson says humans can own the land, but none can own this?

Greatest Delight

What does Emerson say would happen if stars appeared only one night in a thousand years.

If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown!

In "Self-Reliance," Emerson asserts that society encourages people to do what?

Society deems it appropriate; "you are only as good as your word."

Emerson says, "You will find those who think they know what is duty better than you know it." What does this explain?

Others always believe that they know what is best for you better than you would.

What is a major theme of Self-Reliance?

The theme for Self-Reliance is to look inward for truth.

Edgar Allan Poe wrote and published from 1827 until his death in 1849.

What were some literary trends of this time period?

Rhyme

In Self-Reliance, from where does genius come from?

Genius comes from within a person's rejected thoughts.

In "The Minister's Black Veil" What is the congregation's initial reaction to Mr. Hooper's Veil.

The congregation react with fear to the veil.

On the first morning he wears the veil, Mr. Hooper's sermon deals with what topic?

His first sermon was about secret sin and dark mystery.

Elizabeth expresses a fear that Mr. Hooper's veil will be harmful to what?

The veil will become harmful to their relationship.

How does the veil make Mr. Hooper feel?

The veil makes him feel good.

### Questions (cont)

Before he wore the veil, when Mr. Hooper's actions were questioned by congregation members, what did his reaction indicate?

His reaction to the questioning indicates that he knew what was said and he acted upon it.

What is the most important part of the setting of the story?

The story takes place in the 1600s during the Puritan times. This behavior was abnormal for this time period.

How does Mr. Hooper respond when he sees his reflection while wearing the veil?

He got scared and ran away.

What leads Tom Walker to conclude that the man he meets in the forest is the Devil?

The way the man talked made Tom realized that he was associating with the Devil.

What is the one condition between Tom and the Devil "which need not be mentioned, being generally understood"?

That he would work for him

What does the story suggest is the wickedest occupation?

The wickedest occupation is slave trader.

What motivates Tom's wife to seek the devil?

She wanted more money from him.

What motivates Tom's religious conversion in old age?

He realized he was going to hell so he began praying and carrying a bible.

In his old age, Tom begins to use the Bible mainly to what?

Keep the Devil away.

What happens to Tom's possessions after he disappears?

His possessions disappear along with him.