

***ATONEMENT: IN-CLASS ESSAY QUESTION(S)***



***Choose ONE of the following AP Exam “open questions” (from past AP exams) and answer it using Atonement in a clear, well-organized essay.***

**1984 AP QUESTION:** Select a moment or scene in a novel that you find especially memorable. Write an essay in which you identify the scene, explain its relationship to the work in which it was found, and analyze its effectiveness and its relationship to the whole.

Select a literary work (like, say *ATONEMENT* ☺) that has such a memorable scene and analyze the scene and its relationship to the novel as a whole.

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**1985 AP QUESTION:** A critic has said that one important measure of a superior work of literature is its ability to produce in the reader a healthy confusion of pleasure and disquietude.

Select a literary work that produces this “healthy confusion” (i.e. Atonement ☺). Write an essay in which you explain the sources of the “pleasure and disquietude” experienced by readers of the work.

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**1991 AP QUESTION:** Many plays or novels use contrasting places (for example, two countries, two cities or towns, two houses, or the land and the sea) to represent opposed forces or ideas that are central to the meaning of the work.

Choose a literary work that contrasts two such places [i.e., yeah, Atonement]. Write an essay that explains how the places differ, what each one represents, and how their contrast contributes to the meaning of the work.