

**2000 AP® ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

Question 3

(Suggested time—40 minutes. This question counts as one-third of the total essay section score.)

Many works of literature not readily identified with the mystery or detective story genre nonetheless involve the investigation of a mystery. In these works, the solution to the mystery may be less important than the knowledge gained in the process of its investigation. Choose a novel or play in which one or more of the characters confront a mystery. Then write an essay in which you identify the mystery and explain how the investigation illuminates the meaning of the work as a whole. Do not merely summarize the plot.

You may choose a work from the list below or another novel or play of similar quality.

Absalom, Absalom
Agnes of God
Alias Grace
All the King's Men
Bleak House
Cut on a Hot Tin Roof
Crime and Punishment
Equus
Fifth Business
Frankenstein
A Gathering of Old Men
Ghosts
Great Expectations
The Good Soldier
The Great Gatsby
Hamlet
Heart of Darkness

Hedda Gabler
In the Lake of the Woods
Jane Eyre
Joe Turner's Come and Gone
Lord Jim
The Mayor of Casterbridge
Monkey Bridge
Oedipus Rex
The Remains of the Day
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead
Snow Falling on Cedars
Song of Solomon
Tom Jones
The Trial
Trifles
The Turn of the Screw
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

END OF EXAMINATION