**GOTHIC LITERATURE**

**“A ROSE FOR EMILY” by William Faulkner**

**Name:**

**Study Guide Due:**

**Story Test Due:**

**FOCUS STATEMENT**

What does the title of the story “A Rose for Emily” suggest to you? Why might a woman receive a flower? Many possible reasons exist, which ones do you think may be the most obvious in a Gothic story?

**“A Rose for Emily” pages 393-400**

**Part I**

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1. Why have Miss Emily’s taxes been remitted and who remitted them?

2. If Miss Emily’s taxes have been remitted, why has she been issued or sent a tax statement?

3. Who did Miss Emily’s servant let into the house? The first guest since she had quit giving china painting lessons how many years ealier?

4. On page 394, the first column and second paragraph, Miss Emily’s servant led the visitors into the parlor. What image does “a close, dank, smell” create in your mind?

5. On page 394, the first column and second and third paragraphs, the word “rose” is used twice. Both times it is used as what part of speech? Verb, noun, adjective (Circle the correct part of speech.)

6. At the end of Section I, what actions prove that Miss Emily does not plan to pay taxes.

**Part II**

7. The flashback in Section II describes what strange action by the townsmen that is brought on by a horrific smell? What is used to reduce the smell?

8. Why doesn’t Miss Emily ever have a boyfriend?

9. Describe how Miss Emily responded to the death of her father.

**Part III**

10. Describe Homer Barron.

11. What aspect about Homer makes the community believe he is not right for Miss Emily?

12. What does Miss Emily purchase that has “For rats” written on it?

13. Predict what you think Miss Emily will do with her purchase.

**Part IV**

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14. Why did Miss Emily’s female cousins come to live with her for a time?

15. What items did Miss Emily purchase that suggests to the narrator she planned to marry Homer.

16. Homer Barron is admitted into Miss Emily’s house and never seen again. What conclusions can the reader draw from this?

17. Why do you believe Miss Emily remains in seclusion until her death?

**Part V**

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18. What macabre scene is found in the locked room in the upstairs of Miss Emily’s house after her death?

19. What do you think the gray hair on the pillow next to the corpse suggests?

20. Do you feel sorry for Miss Emily or do you feel she causes her own issues? Justify your answer with support from the story and your personal experiences.

*[The title] was an allegorical title; the meaning was, here was a woman who had had a tragedy, an irrevocable tragedy and nothing could be done about it, and I pitied her and this was a salute…to a woman you would hand a rose. –William Faulkner*