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**"A Rose for Emily"**  
**Reading Questions**

1. (a.) Characterize Emily's father. What was the effect of Emily's father on her relationships with men?

(b.) What clues does Faulkner use to reveal this effect?

-Section I →

-Section II →

2. (a.) How would you characterize the narrator of the story?

(b.) What can you infer about the narrator's attitude toward Miss Emily? (hint: look at the description of Miss Emily in the late 1890s in Section I)

3. Below are the elements of *gothic literature* present in the story. Find the quote in each section which describes the listed elements.

-*Miss Emily's House* (Section I) →

-*Father's corpse* (Section II) →

-*Homer Barron's Disappearance* (Section IV) →

-*Miss Emily's Appearance* (Section I) →

What previous author does Faulkner echo? (Hint: Gothic) \_\_\_\_\_

4. (a.) What does Miss Emily refuse to do, even when the town officials visit her?

(b) What does her behavior demonstrate about her character?

5. Describe Homer Barron – how does he dress, act, and where is he from?

6. Do Homer Barron and Miss Emily get married?

7. (a) Who is the dead person in the bedroom at the end?

(b) Explain the significance of the “long strand of iron-gray hair.”