

Character Description (Sketch) (16pts – 2 pts each)

Miss Emily Grierson	
The father	
Homer Barron	
Colonel Sartoris	
Judge Stevens	
Lady Wyatt	
The Negro	
The town's people	

Questions for Class Discussion

(Use an additional sheet of paper to answer them and write your names on it)

- 1- As you can see after your reading, Miss Emily has lost her ability to distinguish between reality and illusion. Through which incidents do you discover this fact? (3pts)
- 2- The story is told from the point of view of one of the townspeople. How do he and the community feel toward Miss Emily? What character traits of Miss Emily seem to set her “above” the rest of the community? (4pts)
- 3- What effect did Miss Emily’s father have upon her life and upon the course of the story? (3pts)
- 4- What is the community’s opinion of Homer Barron? In what sense is it characteristic of Miss Emily to choose such a man? (4pts)
- 5- How does Miss Emily “keep Homer faithful”? In what respect is this action true to her character? (4pts)
- 6- What circumstances occur during the course of the story that might make reference to the final outcome? What later significance has Faulkner’s careful description of Miss Emily’s hair in Part IV? (4pts)
- 7- What would you say is the **mood*** of this story? Which details seem most important in creating this mood? (4pts)
- 8- Faulkner’s talent for painting a picture with words is apparent throughout the story, particularly in his descriptions of Miss Emily. Find several examples that you consider particularly good. (3pts)

Mood: the frame of mind or state of feeling created by a piece of writing; for example, a skeptical **OR a sentimental mood or any other.*