

Literary Analysis Exam Practice

Name: _____

Part I: On your own paper, make a theme wheel for “The Scarlet Ibis.” No need for quotes on this one – just label the spokes with the names of the literary techniques you think best support your theme.

Part II: Answer the questions below. Finish on the back for those answers that don't fit in the space provided.

1. What is the main conflict in this story? Is that main conflict mostly external or internal? (Explain your choice.) What is the technical climax of this story? (Again, explain your choice). Finally, how is the conflict resolved?

2. Describe Doodle using details from the story. What are his external characteristics? What kind of personality does he have? What does he value? Conclude with a one sentence summary of who Doodle is.

3. In this story, the scarlet ibis is clearly a symbol of Doodle. What qualities of the ibis connect it to Doodle in a symbolic way?

4. Doodle's brother's pride causes him to push his brother too far. What message is the writer trying to convey through this situation? In other words, suggest a theme for this story.

5. No matter what you said the theme was in Question 4, choose one quote to support that theme here. Tell what literary technique your quote illustrates and briefly explain how that quote illustrates the theme.