

English 303 Midterm Practice  
Short Answer Questions

1. What are the typical Romantic associations with Nature? Describe the connection between poet and nature, drawing on 2 specific examples.
2. Why is Don Juan pronounced Ju-an? Discuss the Britishization of the character and what this tells us about Byron.
3. What can one learn from reading Mary Shelley's 1831 Introduction to *Frankenstein*? What was her inspiration for writing the novel?
4. Explain Blake's artistic profession and how this adds to our readings of his prose and poetic works.
5. For what reasons was *Lyrical Ballads* considered so experimental and revelatory? How did it differ from the poetry that came before it? (Refer to specific examples in your answer).
6. Summarize at least two English reactions to the political events of the French Revolution. How did these essayists respond? Refer to specific arguments or terms that they use.
7. What is a sublime experience? Cite one example from a Romantic writer and one example of your own (personal or fictional).
8. What political events define the beginning and ending of the Romantic Era in England?

*Remember, these questions are prompts and an occasion to dish out as much as you know. Show off the knowledge you've gained from your readings and from class. If you find you don't know the exact answer during the midterm, tell me what you do know!*