**Welcome!**



**You need your Literature book!**

*Romantics*

**Warm Up #1**

**Think about the ways in which you react to different aspects of nature, such as a rainy day, the first signs of spring, or a beautiful sunset. Explain a reaction that you’ve had.**



**Why are people affected by nature in different ways?**

**Do you think nature can affect the way a person thinks, feels, or acts? Please explain.**

**Warm Up #2**

**Think of someone in your family, school, or community who conveys strong emotions when speaking. Please describe him/her.**

**Do you think the ability to express powerful emotions is an advantage or disadvantage?**

**Please explain your thoughts.**

**Warm Up #3**

**Please do the Personal Connection on p. 597.**

**For each pair of opposite qualities, draw the scale and mark where you think your romantic personality falls. Please give a brief explanation for each.**

**Warm Up #4**

**In your opinion, what are the most important elements of a successful marriage?**



**Name and explain at least three.**

**Warm Up #5**

**Respond to the following quote by Oscar Wilde:**



**“In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it.”**

**What is meant by this quote? Explain.**

**Warm Up #6**

**“I am not young enough to know everything.” ~ Oscar Wilde**

**Do the young think they know everything? Why or why not?**



**Warm Up #7**

**A comedy is a light dramatic work that is often humorous in tone. It aims chiefly to amuse. It usually has a happy ending.**

* **Comedy is often classified as high or low, although both forms can occur in the same work.** 
  + **High comedy is subtle, appeals to the intellect, and achieves a thoughtful, often satirical humor.**
  + **Low comedy is crude and has little intellectual appeal.**

**A farce is a lighthearted comedy that centers around a ridiculous plot that usually involves exaggerated and improbable events.**

* + **Farces usually do not have much character development, but instead rely on absurdity, physical humor, and a skillful exploitation of a situation.**

**Do you believe “The Importance of Being Earnest” falls under the category of comedy (high or low) or farce? Please give 2-3 reasons to support your opinion.**

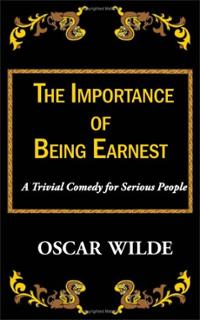
**Warm Up #8**

**What do you think will happen in Act II regarding Algernon and his interest with Cecily Cardew?**

**Will Jack/Ernest confess to Gwendolen about his secret identity?**

**Warm Up #9**

**Oscar Wilde originally gave this play the subtitle *A Trivial Comedy for Serious People*.**



**What do you think he meant by this description of the play?**

of little value or importance

(of a person) concerned only with trifling or unimportant things.

**Warm Up #10**

**Free Write**

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**Warm Up #11**

**What is your opinion of the end of the play?**

**Were you surprised?**

**Did you predict anything to happen?**

**How does the title fit in to the conclusion?**

**Warm Up #12**

**Think of writers and entertainers who use humor to call attention to the faults of society or government.**

**Do you think that their humor can lead to reform and change? Explain your reasoning.**

**Write down your thoughts about humor and its potential for bringing changes in society.**

**Warm Up #3**

**What is your reaction to the “You’re Welcome” segment from *The Daily Show*?**

**Are the proposals realistic?**

**Is the satire effective?**

**Please explain your thoughts.**

**Warm Up #14**

**Describe your reaction to Jonathan Swift’s proposal.**

**What is Swift proposing the people of Ireland do?**

**Make some predictions of how he will defend this proposal.**

**Warm Up #13**

**In the 17th and 18th centuries, the only females who received an education were those whose families could afford private lessons, and even then, they were taught only a few subjects and were barred from attending universities.**

**On the basis of your understanding of history and social customs, why do you think females were prevented from receiving the same education as males?**

**Explain your thoughts on this subject.**

**Warm Up #15**

**Free Write**

