

Question Support

LITERARY ANALYSIS

For questions 1–3, see page 688 of the Student Edition.

Directions: Answer each question.

- 4. Interpret Text** Complete the following sentences.

Johnson thinks it only natural that men should be superior to women because _____

Johnson believes that anyone who claims not to fear death is lying because _____

- 5. Draw Conclusions About the Biography** Underline one phrase in parentheses and then complete the following sentence.

I think the (descriptive passages, reconstructed dialogue) provide a better sense of Johnson's personality because _____

- 6. Make Judgments** Do you think revealing Johnson's faults and fears adds to or takes away from his image as a great man? Why or why not?

- 7. Evaluate Author's Perspective** I think that Boswell is a trustworthy and

believable biographer because _____

- 8. Compare Texts** Explain how Johnson's view of himself in the preface to *A Dictionary of the English Language* is different from Bosworth's view of Johnson in the biography.
