

from THE RAPE OF THE LOCK

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LITERARY ANALYSIS

*For questions 1–3, see page 619 of the Student Edition.***Directions:** Answer the questions.

- 4. Identify Irony** Situational irony is a contrast between expectations and actual outcomes. Circle the letter of the response that best completes the sentence. An example of irony that happens at the end of “The Rape of the Lock” is
- a.** the Baron’s theft of Belinda’s lock ensures that she will be remembered forever
 - b.** Belinda eventually wins the card game
 - c.** the Baron cuts a lock of Belinda’s hair
 - d.** Belinda declares war on the Baron and they battle over the lock
- 5. Interpret Satire** In this poem, Pope describes flaws in British society and upper-class behavior. Reread lines 111–114. What is the flaw that Pope is criticizing?

- 6. Examine Heroic Couplet** Reread lines 167–168. Circle a word or phrase in parentheses, and then complete the sentence.

These lines (do/do not) sound monotonous because _____

- 7. Analyze Mock Epic** A **mock epic** uses the epic style of poetry to make fun of a trivial subject. Give one example from the poem in which Pope makes fun of weapons and battles.

- 8. Draw Conclusions About Elevated Language** Complete the sentence.

Pope’s use of elevated language enhances the poem because _____
