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BRIT LIT
First Semester Final Exam
Volumes 1-3

MEMORIZATION: (20 pts)
Orally deliver to your instructor the following selections:

First four lines of *Beowulf* in Anglo Saxon _____ / 5
Selection from *Beowulf* in modern English _____ / 5
Beginning of *The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English _____ / 5
Shakespeare's *Sonnet 116* _____ / 5

SHAKESPEARE QUOTES: (20 pts)
Fill in the missing portion of the following quotes:

How weary, stale, _____

_____

When sorrows come, _____

_____

To die, to _____

_____

Silence is the _____

_____

Now divine air! _____

_____

CLOSE READ: (20 pts)

Who is the author of the following sonnet? _____

What form of sonnet is it? _____

Mark up this sonnet, with rhyme scheme down the left side, highlight alliterations, underline repetitions of thoughts, words, or images, mark the turn, and then in the area off to the right, summarize what each piece of the sonnet is saying.

My mouth doth water, and my breast doth swell,

My tongue doth itch, my thoughts in labour be:

Listen then, lordings, with good ear to me,

For of my life I must a riddle tell.

Toward Aurora's court a nymph doth dwell,

Rich in all beauties which man's eye can see:

Beauties so far from reach of words, that we

Abase her praise, saying she doth excel:

Rich in the treasure of deserv'd renown,

Rich in the riches of a royal heart,

Rich in those gifts which give th'eternal crown;

Who though most rich in these and every part,

Which make the patents of true worldly bliss,

Hath no misfortune, but that Rich she is.

ESSAY: (40 pts)

*On a separate sheet of paper, write an essay of **800-1,000 words** discussing the following question. Make sure that you include specific details from the text and demonstrate engagement with the material and original thought.*

Discuss both Chaucer and Spenser's treatment of abuses within the Catholic Church, and compare their approaches, making sure to give specific examples from both texts which support your point. What are similarities between them and what are the differences? Which approach do you think is more effective in convincing the audience and why?