**“A Rose for Emily”**

**Analysis Questions**

1. When the officials of the town come to collect her back taxes, how does Miss Emily treat her visitors? Why do you think she treats them this way? Do you think she believes the reasons she gives them about talking to Colonel Sartoris? Discuss.
2. Why were people glad to find out that all Emily’s father left her was the house? Why would they wish to feel that way about their neighbor that they are expected to admire and respect? Discuss.
3. How did the townspeople finally solve the problem with the smell? Why doesn’t Emily ever address the problem, but only watches them from her window when they sneak in at night to cover the smell up? What does it show about the townspeople? About Miss Emily? Discuss.
4. Why do the townspeople say, “Poor Emily”? do they genuinely feel bad for Emily? What makes you think so? Discuss.