American Lit Study Guide

Be able to IDENTIFY and DEFINE the following terms (you will likely have to identify these terms in texts that we HAVEN’T read together as a class):

* Polyphony
* Heteroglossia
* Carnivalesque
* The wasteland

Be comfortable discussing WHY each of these terms are used in the texts they are.

Discuss particular characteristics of the Modern Age and Modern Lit. What makes it different from different time periods of literature?

Identify the key points for the following texts:

* “Soldier’s Home”
* “Richard Corey”
* “Lovesong of J. Alfred Prufrock”
* “Hills Like White Elephants”
* *The Great Gatsby*

In addition, there will be a brief review of the previous literature we have read in class:

* ”Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”
* “Self Reliance”
* “Nature”
* “Civil Disobedience”
* “Song of Myself”
* “Devil and Tom Walker”
* “Fall of the House of Usher”
* “The Black Cat”
* “A Rose for Emily”

Discuss particular characteristics of Puritanism, Transcendentalism, and Gothic Lit. What makes each of these literary/historical periods different from other time periods of literature?

\*if you were not a part of the class for a given text, you will be given an alternative final to reflect that\*