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Answer ONE of the questions:

1. Give an analysis of Emily Dickinson's poems nos 260 "I'm nobody! Who are you?" and 591 "I heard a Fly buzz – when I died." Poems are attached.
2. Discuss the character of Hester Prynne in Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*, paying special attention to her changing relationship to and role in the society surrounding her.
3. Discuss H. D. Thoreau's reasons for moving to Walden Pond, as these are stated in "Where I Lived and what I Lived for." To what extent are the ideas expressed by Thoreau typical for the Romantic period?

I heard a Fly buzz—when I died—
 The Stillness in the Room
 Was like the Stillness in the Air—
 Between the Heaves of Storm—

The Eyes around—had wrung them dry—
 And Breaths were gathering firm
 For that last Onset—when the King
 Be witnessed—in the Room—

I willed my Keepsakes—Signed away
 What portion of me be
 Assignable—and then it was
 There interposed a Fly—

With Blue—uncertain stumbling Buzz—
 Between the light—and me—
 And then the Windows failed—and then
 I could not see to see—

c. 1862

I'm Nobody! Who are you?
 Are you - Nobody - Too?
 Then there's a pair of us?
 Don't tell! they'd advertise - you know!
 How dreary - to be - Somebody!
 How public - like a Frog -
 To tell one's name - the livelong June -
 To an admiring Bog!

1891