Students will write an essay in response to one of the following prompts:

o What is the one word that you would use to describe Emily? In a well-developed essay, analyze her character and provide ample evidence from the text to support your choice of words describing Emily’s character.

o In a well-developed essay, analyze the theme of “I Stand Here Ironing.” Be sure to support your thesis with ample evidence from the text.

o Write a well-developed essay in which you analyze how the author’s use of characterization for both Emily and the narrator provides information leading to the theme of the story.