**MORE NOTES: RESPONDING TO THE OPEN QUESTION**

Historical knowledge is a plus – it usually matters.

Your audience is primarily English teachers: speak the language of the “tribe” in your responses

Remember to spell correctly any words used in the essay that come directly from the prompt.

Long plot summaries waste time

Students should be reminded to skip clever attempts to introduce the topic – thesis and an intro of your idea are biggest keys to success on intro

In the conclusion, your goal is to drive home the meaning of the work. DON’T RESTATE WHAT YOU’VE ALREADY SAID. The conclusion is most important for FRQ #3. It should be brief.

For FRQ #3: Choose a text you know well.

One pg. for FRQ rarely brings any better than a 4.