

American Literature

The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock (Eliot).tgt

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read over the questions and think about the poem and its meaning. Then answer each question in sentences or phrases.

1. What is the speaker about to do as the poem opens?

2. What is happening "in the room?"

3. How does Prufrock describe his physical appearance?

4. What does the "Eternal footman" do?

5. At the end of the poem, what does Prufrock imagine will happen to people who stay in the chambers of the sea?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the poem. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (14 points)

6. What do you think Prufrock finally realizes about himself, and what future does he see for himself? Support your answer with reference to the poem.

7. Do you think Eliot presents Prufrock as a unique individual, as a representative of modern life, or as both? Explain your answer.