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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recall the characters and the events in the story. Then answer each question in sentences or phrases.

1. Why does Miss Emily refuse to pay taxes?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When does the strange smell develop around Miss Emily's house?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What happens when the ladies appear at the house to offer Miss Emily condolences on her father's death?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How does Miss Emily react when the druggist asks her why she is buying poison?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What do the townspeople find when they break down the door to the sealed room?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the story. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (15 points)

6. Identify at least two feelings that the townspeople have had for Miss Emily over the years. Explain how those feelings have affected how the townspeople relate to Miss Emily.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why do you think Miss Emily's crime goes undetected until her death? Identify at least three contributing factors and support them with reference to the story.

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Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (15 points)

8. What are, in your opinion, the pros and cons of living in a tight-knit family or community?  
Explain your ideas.