

American Literature

Study Guide - Doctor Heidegger's Experiment (Hawthorne).tgt

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

1. What was the Widow Wycherly's relationship to the other participants in Dr. Heidegger's experiment?

2. What are some of the oddities and unusual items in Dr. Heidegger's study?

3. What happens when the doctor throws the dried rose into the water?

4. The doctor suggests that the guests draw up rules that will help them avoid the mistakes of youth. Why do the guests laugh at the doctor's suggestion?

5. What do Dr. Heidegger's friends decide to do when the experiment is over?

Answer one of the following questions based on your understanding of the story. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

6. Do you think that this story is more of a tribute to science or an attack on science? Use details from the story to support your opinion.

7. Why won't Dr. Heidegger participate in the experiment? Identify and support at least two reasons.