Constructed Response – Dr. Heidegger's Experiment

In Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story, "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment", the doctor invites several of his elderly friends to his study to witness an experiment about the Fountain of Youth. What they do not know is that they are to become participants in his experiment. Using evidence from the text, do you think the water in the vase is truly from the Fountain of Youth or does Dr. Heidegger simply get his guests drunk?

Remember R.A.C.E. strategy: Restate the question, Answer the question, Cite evidence from the text (direct quotes or paraphrase), Explain your answer (without using "I think" or anything similar).