

As you are reading the story, keep a list of events that are happening in the present and those that are referred to as happened in the past.

PAST	PRESENT

## Section I.

1. How were the men's and women's motives for going to Miss Emily's funeral different?
2. Who is the only person (besides Miss Emily) who has been inside the house for the previous ten years?
3. What historical allusion is made by Faulkner at the end of the first paragraph?
4. How is racial inequality of the South in the late 1800s shown in the actions of Sartoris?
5. Explain why Miss Emily was considered to be "a sort of hereditary obligation upon the town"?
6. What was the arrangement that Colonel Sartoris made with Miss Emily?
7. Why did Miss Emily return the tax notice unopened?
8. What evidence can be provided in the first section that shows that Miss Emily's mind may be slipping?

## Section II.

9. What happened 30 years before?
10. What does Judge Stevens think the smell is that is bothering the neighbors?
11. How does Judge Stevens demonstrate the Southern emphasis on politeness and etiquette?
12. What do the men do to remedy the problem of the smell? Does Emily notice their efforts?
13. Why does the town think that there may be insanity in the Grierson family?
14. What does Emily deny for three days? Why does the narrator think that she does this?

## Section III.

15. How does Faulkner use Homer Barron to symbolize Northern hypocrisy?
16. What do the neighbors have a hard time believing?
17. What does Emily purchase?
18. What reason does she give for purchasing it?

## Section IV.

19. What does the town believe Ms. Emily will do (with her purchase in #17)?
20. For what specific reason do the townspeople think that Miss Emily and Homer have gotten married?  
(Think about what she purchases.)
21. What might her "vigorous iron-gray hair" represent (think gray and the South)?
22. What does Emily do that gives her some connection to the outside world?

## Section V.

23. What might Tobe's exit from Emily's house represent?
24. What are some of the older man wearing at the funeral?
25. Why was the "for rats" on the box of arsenic an example of Dark Humor?

