Victorian novel

Suggested questions

1. How does The Mill on the Floss embody the characteristics of a social/ realistic novel? Explain.
2. How does The Mill on the Floss represent the Victorian era? Explain.
3. Discuss the significance of the title, The Mill on the Floss!
4. Discuss the following symbols: the river, the floss, Maggie’s eyes.
5. How is Mr. Tulliver a tragic figure in The Mill on the Floss?
6. Discuss the psychology and the internal conflict of Maggie in The Mill on the Floss.
7. In The Mill on the Floss, is Mr. Tulliver’s tragedy due to class or his heroic nature? Discuss.
8. What does characterization mean? How is it used for Maggie? Explain.
9. Discuss the theme of individual versus society in The Mill on the Floss.
10. The claim of the past upon present identity is one of the themes that the novel The Mill on the Floss elaborates, explain.
11. What attitudes may Eliot be satirizing in her portrayal of the Dodsons’? how is their relationship with each other? What do all seem to share in common?
12. To what extent is George Eliot a satirist? Who or what are the objects of her heaviest satire?
13. Compare both realism and naturalism in literature.
14. What does aestheticism mean in literature? What are the characteristics of aesthetic movement?
15. What’s the belief of aestheticism? Who is the father of aesthetic literature? Explain and state clear reasons as for the second part of the question.
16. What are the major literary movements of the 19th c? mention three, and explain one of them in details.