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**I. William Blake Biography**

PART 1

DIRECTIONS: Go to page 768. Read William Blake’s brief biography, and answer the following questions.

1. TRUE/FALSE: William Blake was a popular poet and artist during his life.
2. Which author did Blake like to read when he was a school boy?
3. Describe the types of visions Blake saw. What did he attribute (caused by) these visions to?
4. According to Blake, what was the purpose of church doctrine?
5. Who did Blake marry in 1782? How would you describe their married life?
6. Define what “illuminated printing” is.
7. What was the purpose in Blake writing *Songs of Innocence* and *Songs of Experience*?
8. In your opinion, and based on what you’ve read thus far, why was Blake’s work ignored during his lifetime?
9. Name one of the most popular works Blake helped to illustrate (draw)?

PART 2

DIRECTIONS: Go to the class website: [www.mrsguillory.weebly.com](http://www.mrsguillory.weebly.com) to watch the video, “William Blake: Biography of a Great Thinker.” (Look under Curriculum Units & Resources tab>Romantic Era Poetry) As you watch the video, notate 10-12 facts that you learned about Blake’s life, his art, and his poetry. Pay special attention to how his written and artistic works have greatly influenced future generations.