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Faces of the Farmstead

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. How do you interpret the emotions and expressions of the man and woman in "American Gothic," and what do you think they may be thinking or feeling?
2. Why do you think Grant Wood chose to paint this particular scene and these characters?
3. How does the pitchfork symbolize the theme of labor and hard work in the painting?
4. What message do you think the poem conveys about the value of hard work and dedication to one's responsibilities?

