Name_____ British Literature III

The Solitary Reaper by William Wordsworth

Provide evidence to support your answers to the following questions:

1. Who is the subject of this poem and what is she like? Describe her in detail.

2. What is notable about her singing? Why does it have such a powerful effect on the hearer, and what is this effect?

3. What might "the solitary reaper" symbolize? How has Wordsworth changed this symbol, and what does that tell you about his philosophy and beliefs?

4. What connections do you see between this poem and Lucy Gray?