Name_____
Date_____

EDSITEment!
THE BEST OF THE HUMANITIES ON THE WEB

Dickinson's Reviews

Directions: Read the two quotes from Dickinson written in response to her sister-in-law Susan's review of her poetry. Choose one of the questions below and free write a response to that question below.

Quotes:

"Your praise is good — to me - because I *know* it knows — and *suppose* — it means —"

"Could I make you and Austin — proud - sometime — a great way off — 'twould give me taller feet —"

Questions -Choose 1!

1) In the first quotation, how does Dickinson react to Sue's review of her poetry?

2) What might the second quotation say about Dickinson's goals as a poet?

3) In light of these quotations, what do you make of biographical claims of Dickinson's reclusive nature?

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____