Questions for PSYCHO: Use specific details from the film to answer the following questions. Post answers to TurnItIn.com.

1. Describe Marion Crane. What is her relationship with Sam?

2. Why does she steal the money? What clues from the opening scene with Sam inform us of her decision?

3. What techniques are used to add to the suspense after Marion steals the money? Choose one scene before she gets to the Bates Motel and answer with full details.

4. Describe the film score (violins, etc). How does it add to the suspense of the story?

5. Describe Norman Bates. What impression does he give upon meeting Marion?

6. Explain the use of stuffed birds and taxidermy in Norman’s parlor. How does he explain his hobby to Marion?

7. Explain the “shower scene” in detail (use specific terms for shot types, editing techniques, etc). What important part of the story changes after this scene?

8. Choose one scene and explain how lighting & shadows affect the tone of the story. What character traits or emotional cues are indicated by the scene’s lighting?

9. What is Norman’s relationship with his mother? How does this influence our understanding of the story?

10. How does Hitchcock deliberately manipulate us as the audience? Use at least one example from the film and explain how he plays upon our fears for a shocking or surprising response.