Praxis Core Reading 5741

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1. With respect to Pope, the passage is most concerned with

> *It is not often that knowledge of an artist's life sheds any significant light on his work, but in the case of Alexander Pope it does. Most of his poems are 'occasional'- that is, they are concerned with Pope's political and literary friends and enemies, so that without some knowledge about them we cannot properly understand what he wrote and why. Such knowledge, needless to say, does not explain why he wrote so well.*

(A) refuting a widely held misconception about his life
(B) discussing an aspect of his poetry that makes it uncommon
(C) challenging critics who have overrated his literary significance
(D) questioning the quality of his writing
(E) explaining why biographers have often misunderstood his poems