

ASSIGNMENT SHEET: SHORT STORY WRITING PROJECT FOR ENGLISH I

Assignment: You will write an original short story. It should be a work of fiction, although it can be based on real-life events. Your story can be any genre (romance, fantasy, science fiction, mystery, horror, western, etc.). Your story should include:

1. Literary elements/devices we've studied, including: plot, setting, character, conflict, theme, tone, figurative language (such as metaphor, simile, personification, imagery, allusion), and symbolism and/or allegory.
2. Five (5) of the vocabulary words that have been used in

English I-
Cask of Amontillado
American History
The Gift of the Magi.

English II -
Contents of the Dead Man's Pocket
Young Goodman Brown

3. You will create a first draft of your story. YOU WILL PEER EDIT THESE WITH ANOTHER PARTNER GROUP. You will then revise your story and provide a final draft. You will receive points toward your semester grade for both the first draft and the final draft.
4. **Your story should be at least 2 pages typed or 4 pages hand-written.**

Due Date: The first draft of your story is due on October 13th by the end of the period. The due date for the final draft is October 17th.

Grading: You will receive 25 points towards your final project grade just for submitting a first draft.

I will not accept your final draft if you have not submitted a first draft.

Your final draft will be worth 75 points towards your 9 weeks grade. It will be graded based on the rubric. Note that your final draft is either the required length or it is not. You can only get a "5" or a "1" in that criterion.

You will illustrate either the cover page for the story or illustrate one scene from the story.

Each final draft will contain a cover page, even if you choose to not illustrate the cover, you MUST do a cover page. (An example has been provided in the packet).

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Mrs. Nichols Weebly - <http://mrsnichols-english.weebly.com/>

Formatting Requirements:

Your story must be in 12pt. Times New Roman font.

You must have 1" margins.

Your paper must be double spaced.

Your paper must be a full 2 pages in length in order to get the full 5 points on the rubric for length.

Misspelled words will count against you, because you will have the spell check option. USE IT!!!

The grading rubric MUST be stapled to the back of your final draft.

YOUR STORY MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE!
Any story deemed inappropriate by Mrs. Nichols will be given to the principal.

- NO PROFANITY
- NO DRUG OR ALCOHOL REFERENCES
- NO SEXUAL REFERENCES
- NO GRAPHIC VIOLENCE
- NO RACISM

Each partner group will present their story to the class during a scheduled time on either October 23rd or October 24th during class. You will be given a participation grade for this, so refusal to do so will earn you a ZERO in the grade book!

Grading Rubric:

Criteria	5	3	1
Literary elements	Story includes most of the required elements, including at least one example of figurative language and one symbol (or allegory).	Story includes some of the required literary elements OR is missing an example of figurative language or symbol/allegory.	Story includes few of the required literary elements AND is missing examples of figurative language and symbol/allegory.
Vocabulary usage	Story includes 5 vocabulary words and uses all in the correct context.	Story includes less than 5 vocabulary words AND at least one is not used in the correct context.	Story includes less than 5 vocabulary words AND more than half are not used in the correct context.
MUGS (Mechanics, Usage, Grammar, Spelling)	Writing shows a strong command of language. One or zero misspelled words AND/OR minor grammatical/usage mistakes or inconsistencies.	Writing shows a basic command of language. Three or more misspelled words AND/OR significant grammatical/usage mistakes or inconsistencies.	Writing shows significant deficiencies in command of language. More than five misspelled words AND significant grammatical/usage mistakes or inconsistencies.
Length	Story is at least 2 pages in length (typed) or 4 pages hand-written.		Story is less than 2 pages in length (typed) or 4 pages hand-written.
Artistry (originality, creativity for cover or illustrated scene from story) –	Cover or illustrated scene shows great detail and genuine effort.	Cover or illustrated scene shows an average amount of detail and effort.	Cover or illustrated scene shows little detail and effort.

_____ /25 possible points from Grading Rubric

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_____ Rough Draft Points (25 points)

_____ Final Grade

I let them go: The story of the storm trooper whose epic fail lead to the destruction of the Empire

By: Mrs. Nichols

