**English 8: Short Story Poster Project**

You will be put into groups of 4-5. Each group will be reviewing and digging into a different short story that we read in class. There will be a lottery to decide who will be analyzing which story. Each member is responsible for recording what they contributed, so be sure to put your name on everything you worked on!

You will be creating a poster project where you analyze one of the short stories we read in class. This can be typed, or neatly handwritten, but it must be displayed on a poster board. I will be marking this based on quality content, full answers in paragraph form, as well as spelling and grammar.

**Components:**

The Basics (5)

* Title of Story (1)
* Author’s Name (1)
* Genre (1)
* Names of all group members together somewhere on the project (2)

Technical Terms (20)

* Setting: What is the setting of the story? (2)
* Plot: On a basic plot diagram (story mountain), point out where each event starts. The plot diagram can have multiple ups and downs, but it should make sense as to why they are that way. Label the terms. (6)
* Characters: Who is in the story? Give one or two sentences about each character. Identify who is the protagonist, antagonist, etc. (4)
* Theme: What is a theme that runs through this story? How do we know this? (3)
* Foreshadowing, Suspense, and Mood: Define these three terms. Are any of them present in this story? Where? (3)
* Point of View: Which point of view is used in this story? How do we know that? (2)

Review (5)

* How many stars would you give this story out of 5? Why? (1)
* Would you recommend this story to others? Why or why not? (1)
* You must include at least 3 group member’s opinions. (3)

Aesthetics (5)

* Make it look good. Really good.
  + Use pictures and drawings to back up the project.

**Total Marks: /35**

*There will also be required completion of a Group Work Evaluation. If every group member completes it, there will be a bonus mark given to the assignment*.

**My Story: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Group Members: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Due Date:**

**Short Story Assignment Planning**

(Something to help you out with getting started)

1. Re-read/listen to the story
2. Assign roles of who is covering what

Suggested roles (you do not have to do it exactly like this but it is an idea…)

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| **Name:** | **Name:** | **Name:** | **Name:** | **Name:** |
| Editor: Double check all spelling and grammar… Make sure everything is included | Artistic Expert: Make sure everything looks incredible (include graphics where possible) | Story Superstar: This person should be ready to get detailed with the plot | Reviewer: The group’s official reviewer. Should be comfortable talking to all group members to get opinions | Big Picture Person: This person should be comfortable making connections in stories |
| In charge of ‘The Basics’  Foreshadowing, Suspense, and Mood | Characters  Aesthetic | Plot | Review  Point of View | Setting  Theme |

1. Decide what format you would like to use for the project (computer or paper?)
2. Get started…

**Ms. Legault’s Tips for Success**

* Make sure you remember to double check your work
* Ask for help if you need it… First from other students in your group, then Ms. Legault
* Read the story through more than once. By the end of this project, you should be an expert when it comes to this story
* Take a look at past assignments if you need to.