

English II Summer Reading Assignment

Short Stories

In English II, we start the year by conducting an in-depth study of the short story. For your summer reading, you are going to prepare for that unit by reading **five** short stories and completing a few tasks related to the stories you read.

STEP ONE

Read **five** short stories from the list provided. All short stories are in the public domain and available for free online. There will be links to the stories on Google Classroom.

As you read each story, keep a journal of quotes from the stories. Divide a piece of paper in half. On the left side of the paper, write the quote. On the right side of the paper, write your thoughts about the quote (connections you make, why you chose it, why you like/dislike it, etc.). You may choose to keep this journal digitally using Word or a Google Doc if you prefer.

You must have at least three quotes from each story for a total of 15 quotes.

STEP TWO

Write a reflection paragraph for three of the five stories. Your reflection paragraph should take the following format:

- a. Write a sentence that shares the title and author of the story as well as a very brief summary.
- b. Write a sentence that includes a claim about the story.
- c. Give an example from the story to support your claim.
- d. Add in a quote from the story or paraphrase part of the story.
- e. Add a sentence of explanation.
- f. Give another example from the story to support your claim.
- g. Add in a quote from the story or paraphrase part of the story.
- h. Add a sentence of explanation.
- i. Restate your claim and summarize your reasons.

Type out your reflection paragraphs and hand them in on the first day of school or post them to our Google Classroom at any time during the summer.

You can join Google Classroom by going to <https://classroom.google.com> and selecting + and Join a Class. Our class code is s50sj4. If you have a cccrusader e-mail address, you may be able to use it to sign in. Otherwise, you will need a Google account. I plan to use Google Classroom to submit most major assignments next year, so if you cannot sign up, please e-mail me at szeiger@cccruader.org.

Short Stories You May Choose to Read

The Little Frenchman and His Water Lots by George Pope Morris

The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County by Mark Twain

How the Widow Won the Deacon by William James Lampton

The Birthmark by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Young Goodman Brown by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Happy Prince by Oscar Wilde

The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde

The Remarkable Rocket by Oscar Wilde

An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge by Ambrose Bierce

A Dog's Tale by Mark Twain

A Telephonic Conversation by Mark Twain

The Five Boons of Life by Mark Twain

The Danger of Lying in Bed by Mark Twain

Eve's Diary by Mark Twain

The Devil and Tom Walker by Washington Irving

The Boots at the Holly-Tree Inn by Charles Dickens

Bluebeard by Charles Perrault

Riquet with the Tuft by Charles Perrault

The Benevolent Frog by Charles Perrault

Springtime A La Carte by O. Henry

After Twenty Years by O. Henry

By Courier by O. Henry

The Conceited Apple Branch by Hans Christian Andersen

The Fir Tree by Hans Christian Andersen

The Steadfast Tin Soldier by Hans Christian Andersen

The Heartless Husband (Chinese Folktale)

Giauna the Beautiful (Chinese Folktale)

The Beautiful Daughter of Liu-Kung (Chinese Folktale)

William Wilson by Edgar Allan Poe