

AP Lit Group Short Story Analysis

This assignment will require that you work in a group of three to four people with a common short story that you will analyze for a variety of elements, which are listed below. Your final product will be a short presentation that creatively and articulately defines and identifies the elements listed.

As a group, you will be required to identify:

- Title
- Summary/Author
- Setting
- Characters
- Plot
- Theme Statement

Individuals will be responsible for identifying and explaining the importance or more of the following:

- Point of View
- Irony
- Symbolism
- Tone
- Metaphor
- Allegory
- Allusion
- Imagery
- Central conflict/resolution

Presentations will ideally begin with a theme statement. Consider this to be your "thesis statement" with all other elements explaining and supporting that theme. Keep in mind that identification is only the first part of the job. In addition, you will be responsible for the significance those elements and how they work together to give the story meaning.

Also included with your presentation will be a musical piece, a song or instrumental piece, that you feel represents one or more of the major themes of the story.

Your group may decide on the format of your presentation though it should be done early in the creative process and should be approved by me. Keep in mind, however, that your grade will be based on substance rather than style, so make sure that you have your story thoroughly covered before you begin your presentation process.

Though your group will be working on one story only, you will be responsible for familiarizing yourself with each of the stories being presented. You will be tested on your familiarity and understanding of each of the ten stories. All stories will be available through the class website.

This presentation must be given by all members of the group and include:

- A group presentation of the assigned elements and their contribution to meaning in the story
- Each group member must present one or more of the included literary elements for an individual grade. You will decide who presents which and how many elements. Keep in mind that not every story will include every one of the elements listed and that some elements are going to be more significant in their respective stories than others.
- Finally, identify one quote from the story that best captures the essence of the story.

You will be provided with a rubric for this project.

Presentations should be between 12 – 15 minutes. Under twelve minutes will result in a loss of points.

Groups will be stopped at 15 mins. and will be subject to loss of points for any material not covered.

Work on presentations will begin Mon. September, 24th.

Presentations will begin Thurs. October 3rd, (date subject to change)

Test on stories: October 3rd.

You will each be receiving two grades; one for your individual contribution and one for the overall group presentation.

- Group Presentation Points Available: 50 pts – Individual Points Available: 25 pts
- Short Stories Test Points Available: 25