

## Short Story Author Project

Assignment Given \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment Due \_\_\_\_\_

Overview of Assignment:

Research the author. Include what you can find out about the author's life, the time he/she lived in, specific personal interests, and the writer's distinct literary style. Don't forget to tell us about any other works that were written by the same writer.

Read and re-read the assigned short story. You are the one teaching the story to the class. Cover more than just the plot and a character analysis, teach the literary elements as well. Include things like tone, point-of-view, genre, motif, setting, mood, and anything else that would give us a greater understanding of the story.

You will be presenting all this to the class in the form of a PowerPoint. There is no set number of slides, but there needs to be enough slides to cover the material. Use the slides as a jumping off point. Do not just read the slides. The PowerPoint is to be a visual aid, not a script. Be sure you do not put too much material on any one slide and that it is readable on the scene (can make an appointment before presentation day to test it in the classroom). Study other PowerPoint presentations and model yours after ones that are clear and readable.

Burn a copy of your PowerPoint to be turned in the day of your presentation. You will also be turning in your notes and any research material you have gathered. This is an important project and not a "get it done in one night" type of thing. You will be graded not only on your PowerPoint and oral presentation, but on the research as well. You are learning a process.

It is important that you are not absent on your assigned date. If you are too ill to attend school that day, a parent must call and talk to the teacher (before or after school). Failure on your part to present on the assigned date (w/o call) will result in a 25% grade reduction per day. No Paynter Points will be accepted for this delay. If you know ahead of time that you have a schedule conflict, you may make arrangements to switch with another student. Both you and the other student must inform the teacher of this arrangement well before the due date.

NOTE - All student must take notes on every presentations. These stories and authors will show up in some form of testing.

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