

Short Story Unit Plan
English 9

Using this unit, you will read and analyze a variety of texts, keeping a critical eye on the authors' use of literary devices. Keep up with the reading in order to maximize your participation in class. Your overall unit grade will consist of:

Read "Lamb to the Slaughter"	Pros/Def Essay Workday	Share Pros/Def Essay	Plot	Lit Term Post-Work
	HW: Finish essay			HW: P

Suggested Unit Plan
(for 45-50 min. classes)

Symbolism & Allegory

Song Analysis

Mood

Characterization - Option #1

Plot Review: Answers & Student Samples

Plot Review

10-28-15

"Sweet Symbolism"

Something not as it seems

Symbol reward after hard work

chocolate inside

ABSTRACT "How many holes"

concrete hard sweet blue

owl

1. Close-ended: What is the Red Death?

2. Open-ended: What do/how do the seven represent the human life cycle?

3. Open-ended: What are the themes of this story? What do you want today?

ALLEGORY

A symbol is something that stands for an abstract meaning beyond what is obv. on the literal level
→ object, person, animal, event

EX: 1. rose 2. the color blue 3. #3 4. a pearl
↳ Romantic love ↳ being sad ↳ Holy Trinity ↳ hidden love

An allegory is a story w/out at least two layers of meaning in which

Fables
vice
Aesop

Develop Your Analysis

Three steps

What is "Quote Analysis" For example...

"With great power comes great responsibility."
Who said it? Benjamin Parker to Peter Parker in Spider-Man.
What was the context? He was being bullied and was getting into fights.

fire	110
owl	
diamond	

Short Story Analysis Unit

WITH INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK OPTION



In-Through-Out Student Sample

Bell Ringer/"In": Here's an example of a creative writing prompt during our Dystopian Lit Circles

Input/"Through": Students complete PPT Notes before they begin to write their own dystopian stories.

what happens next?...

The government has started charging people per word they speak or write so April has decided to be a mute. This is not a problem for her since she already was a bit shy. Well, it wasn't a problem until the teacher told her that her exam was an oral exam. What was she going to do? Jessica lived under a rock like Patrick Star; she couldn't afford to be poor little new-mute Jessica would now live under a smaller rock, or worse, in a box.

Dystopian characteristics

- The government controls everything & makes everyone equal & takes people away
- Media control
- Harrison wants to go against gov.
- Tyrant who maintains orders

Tension: Harrison wants to be free of the handicap, but the risks & obstacles are jail time & (tyrant) is an obstacle.

Writing a Short Story

Tension Elements

Plot - *Make every scene count*
Push for moments of change *Avoid tropes (It was all a dream)

Character - *Protagonist* *Antagonist*
(Round, Flat, Static, dynamic) Characters who tell us how it is. (motivation, relationships, background, conflicts)

Conflict - The main problem in story.
Man vs Man, Man vs supernatural, man vs technology

Theme - main idea of story. No write the theme the readers need to be able figure it out.

Setting - In dystopian, include all aspects of government control. Helps create mood.

Desire + Danger = TENSION
Decide what character is after

1. Person - person with a problem, what do they want. Provide info.
2. Desire - what the character wants.
3. Stakes - what person wants. What happens if they don't get it?
4. Obstacles - things that thwart the person from obtaining desire

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Purpose of this resource:

Build literary analysis skills for ANY short story

Key features:

- Digital & print
- ISN Option
- Editable elements
- Differentiation options



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SUGGESTED ORDER	EXAMPLE SHORT STORY/TEXT
Plot Lesson & Literary Terms	Short Films
Irony	"The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson
Integrating Source Quotes	
Characterization	"Raymond's Run" by Toni Cade Bambara
Diction	"Geraldino No Last Name" by Sandra Cisneros
Mood	Movie Trailers
Literary Quote Analysis	
Song Analysis	"You Can Let Go" by Crystal Shawanda and student choice
Symbolism & Allegory	"Masque of the Red Death" by Edgar Allan Poe

9 Literary Analysis Lesson Plans

- Includes student samples & differentiation options
- Suggested alternate short stories for each skills



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	HW: Finish essay			HW: Finish poster
Lit Terms Poster Sharing	Irony "The Lottery"	Integrating Sources	Lit Terms Quiz	Char. "Raymond's Run"

Editable Materials:

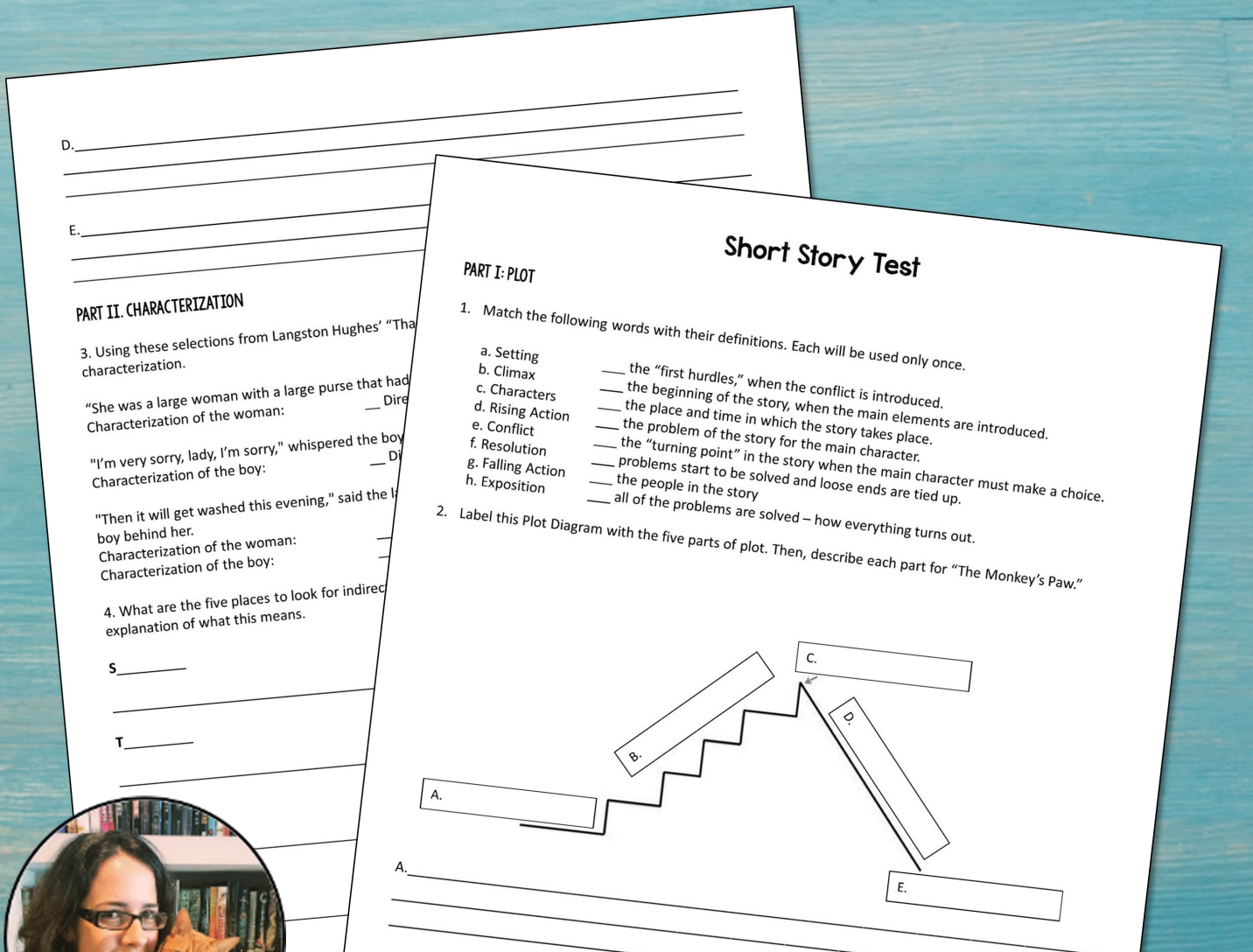
- Setting up ISNs
- Creating unit calendar
- Creating rubrics
- PPTs introducing concepts (symbolism & allegory, quote analysis & diction)

SHORT STORIES	10 = Thorough, thoughtful, and neat. All responses show analytical thought.								
	8 = Mostly thorough, thoughtful, and neat.								
	6 = Somewhat thorough, thoughtful, and neat								
Table of Contents	10	8	6	Diction	10	8	6		
Plot/Lit Terms	10	8	6	Mood	10	8	6		
Irony	10	8	6	Quote Analysis	10	8	6		
Integrating Sources	10	8	6	Song Analysis	10	8	6		
Characterization	10	8	6	Sym. & Allegory	10	8	6		

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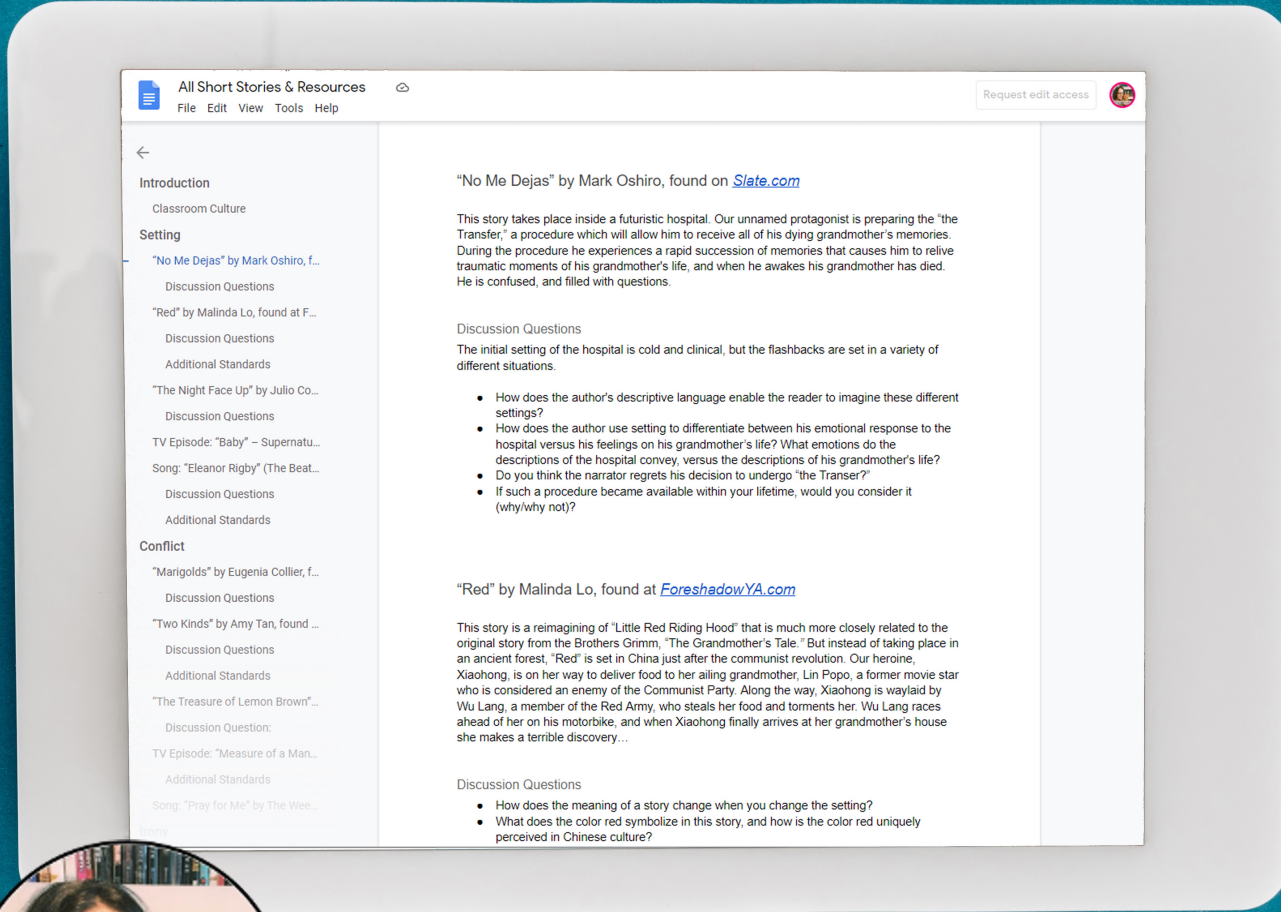


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Three leveled tests allow students to apply skills to a new short story (editable in .doc)





Includes a curated list
of short story
suggestions
categorized by skill



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SONG ANALYSIS: Literary Elements in Music

Label and describe the parts of the **Plot Diagram** for the song provided.

How does this part of the song illustrate a **turning point** for the protagonist(s)?

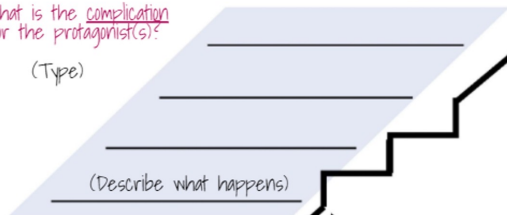


(Label) _____
(Describe what happens)

(Type the title + artist here)

What is the **complication** for the protagonist(s)?

(Type)



(Describe what happens)

What **conflict** is established?

(Type)



(Describe what happens)

(Label) _____
(Describe what happens)

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Other Included Resources:

- Symbolism flipbook project
- Literary devices quiz
- Song analysis activity

§ more!

