YOUNG AUTHOR'S PROJECT

You are being asked to write a short story for the school's Young Author's Project. This story reflects both our study of literature and writing throughout this past school year. You will be expected to demonstrate your understanding of the short story structure, literary devices, and the basic conventions of writing within this story. **This project will count as a test grade in both Literacy and Written Expression. DUE DATE: MAY the 19th!**

STORY REQUIRMENTS

Your story must be at least five pages long. I would recommend that you consider each event in your plot outline as a potential page within your story.

Your story must be typed in a 12 point font.

Your story is expected to have a cover page that reflects the content of your short story. The cover page should consist of a story's title along with your name and an appropriate graphic or visual.

Your story must include an illustration of the story's main climax. This illustration is expected to be colored in and depict your story's most essential characters.

Please insert page numbers in the lower right hand margin of your story's pages.

Stories with significant spelling and grammatical flaws will be penalized.

**Stories containing extreme, inappropriate, and graphic content will be subject to a severe penalty. If you are uncertain about the parts or events within your story, please seek my consultation.**

CONTENT REQUIRMENTS

Make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and end.

Make sure your story has a climax.

Make sure your story has a resolution.

Make sure your story has a clear conflict.

Your story *must* contain dialogue.

Make sure you use imagery throughout your story.

SHORT STORY REFLECTION - You will be responsible for reflecting on the content of your own story in relation to the literary devices studied this year. PLEASE TYPE YOUR RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS AFTER YOUR REPORT.

1. Discuss one of the internal conflicts within your story.

2. Discuss one of the external conflicts within your story.

3. Discuss any forms of characterization used within your story.

4. What do you think the climax of your story was? Why?

5. What do you think the theme of your story is? Was it stated or implied?

6. Did you use any foreshadowing in your story?

7. Did you use any motifs in your story?

8. Discuss one example of imagery in your story.

9. Are you happy with the resolution of your story?

10. Did your story use any forms of symbolism within your story. Discuss a potential symbol within your story.

ORAL PRESENTATION

You will be expected to present and share your final product with the class.

You will be expected to read a carefully chosen excerpt from your story.

You will be expected to create a story board of your short story by using graphics to recreate and retell the plot of your story. You will use this story board as a guide during your presentation. (HINT: USE A SIMPLE POSTER BOARD FOR THIS PART OF YOUR PRESENTATION.)

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STORY BOARD DEPICTS AT LEAST EIGHT MAJOR EVENTS IN YOUR STORY. YOUR STORY BOARD SHOULD REFLECT THE CONTENT OF YOUR PLOT OUTLINE. BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN! THIS WILL COUNT AS A QUIZ GRADE AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CLASS!

DUE DATE FOR POSTER BOARD:5/26/2017!