

Hello to all my fellow 7th grade Advanced English students,

The summer is a great time to get comfortable with some interesting and inspiring short stories. This will keep up your English skills and broaden your English knowledge.



The assignment and goal here is to write your own short story this summer.

A short story has five basic but important elements. These five components are:

- the characters,**
- the setting,**
- the plot,**
- the point of view,**
- and the theme.**

These essential elements keep the story running smoothly and allow the action to develop in a logical way that the reader can follow.

Before you begin reading, please watch this video that explains the elements:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUbVH20qW0A>
Part I

Please choose **at least three short stories** that interest you.

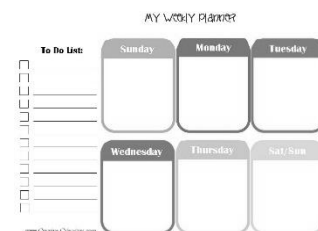
Here are two websites that give links to short stories:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-short-stories-for-middle-schoolers/>

<https://creativeclassroomcore.com/the-best-short-stories-for-middle-school-classrooms/>

Try to *read* each day.

Spread out you're reading. Make it a **daily activity**.



Keep information in your notebook and write down some notes for yourself as you are reading. Write down details about the setting, storyline/plot, relationships/theme, and characters



Part II

Upon completion of reading the short stories you chose, please complete this assignment:

- A. Create a document in Word.
- B. Create a header like I have taught you and like you see at the top of these pages.
 - 1. Your name
 - 2. Summer learning/Short stories
 - 3. My name
 - 4. Advanced English

Answer the following questions in the document:



- C. Page 1- Which three short stories have you chosen?
(Write down their names)
- D. Who wrote them? (Write a short paragraph, in about 3 sentences about the author and what time period he or she lived in.)
- E. Page 2- Take the chart which is the third page of this letter and fill it in for each of the short stories you have chosen. Insert the page/chart into your document.

Part IV

Read this site and watch this video to get an understanding of how to write a short story yourself.

Here is a website where someone who writes short stories explains some elements and how to write a short story:

version to read: <https://jerryjenkins.com/how-to-write-short-stories/>

version to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urkCu0F7XCc&t=407s>

Extra help:

Here is a website where someone who writes short stories explains some elements and how to write a short story:

<https://blog.lulu.com/4-elements-of-great-short-stories/>

- F. Page 3- Write an outline of your short story copy and paste yet again the chart but this time to help you structure your short story correctly
- G. Pages 4-5 Write a first draft,
- H. Have a parent read it together with you and make suggestions for improvement. Your charts and first draft are due 2.9.24.

Have a healthy and happy summer
Atarah Block

	the characters	the setting	the plot	the point of view	and the theme
(Name of first short story you chose)					
(Name of second short story you chose)					
(Name of third short story you chose)					