

Shalom to all my dear 7th grade Advanced English students going up to 8th grade,

The summer is a great time to get comfortable with some interesting and inspiring short stories. This will help you maintain and strengthen your English skills and broaden your literary knowledge.

What is literature?

Literature is any collection of written work, but it is also used more narrowly for writings specifically considered to be an art form, especially novels, plays, and poems. It includes both print and digital writing

What is a short story?

A short story is a brief work of fiction, typically ranging from 1,000 to 7,500 words, designed to be read in a single sitting (but can take longer). It focuses on a limited number of characters and a concise plot, often centered around a single incident or a few closely related events. The goal is to create a unified effect or mood in the reader, often with less emphasis on complex character development or extensive backstories than a novel.

In short...

A short story is a made-up story that's short enough to read in one sitting (but can take longer). It usually has just a few characters and focuses on one main event or problem. The goal is to leave the reader with a strong feeling or idea, without going into too much detail.

Your assignment is to A. choose a few short stories to read over the summer; B. look up hard words and make sure you understand the stories you have read; C. choose one of these two options and complete them in Google Docs D. share your completed assignment with me like we have done in class with previous assignments. 1002837467@educ.org.il

Please choose one of these two assignments below and any short story.

Option 1: "One Story, Many Angles"

Assignment Goal:

Focus on just one short story, but go deeper in a fun and creative way.

Instructions:

1. Choose ONE short story.
2. Read the story slowly and carefully.
3. Choose TWO of the following creative responses:
 -  Write a letter (מכתב) to one of the characters (give them advice and ask them questions).
 -  Draw a comic strip of the story (at least 6 panels).
 -  Rewrite the story's ending. What could happen differently?
 -  Turn the story into a short play scene (write dialogue and stage directions).
 -  Write a journal entry as if you were the main character.

Option 2: "Short Story Sampler Journal"

Assignment Goal:

Just read and enjoy the stories. You don't have to analyze them too deeply.

Instructions:

1. Choose two short stories.
2. For each one, write a few paragraphs answering:
 - ✓ What was this story about?
 - ✓ What did I like or not like?
 - ✓ What character stood out and why?
 - ✓ What would I change if I rewrote this story?
3. Add a "feeling word" or emoji for each story and a 1–5-star rating and explain why you felt that way and why you rated the story with that rating.

Here is a link to a folder in Google Drive that has 10 short stories that I have downloaded.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kDFkcHQMdo6eCeKx1kHJKBbVDCYcEmQs?usp=sharing>

You can also search online for free downloadable short stories of your choice.

Here are some links to start with:

<https://reluctantreaderbooks.com/short-stories-for-middle-school/>

<https://teachingelawithjoy.com/10-favorite-short-stories-for-middle-school-found-online/>

<https://www.rethinkela.com/2014/05/40-excellent-short-stories-for-middle-school/>

or just type into the Google search bar: **best classic short stories for middle school**

Have a happy, healthy, safe summer,
Mrs. B