Short Story Writing Project

After reading several short stories, now’s your chance to write your own!

For this assignment you will:

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***AS YOU GO***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 Write a short story 3 – 5 pages in length

* + - This will be typed on Google Docs
    - Double-spaced
    - No higher than 12 point font
    - Include a creative title
    - Make sure you put the author (YOU!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/15 The story will follow the narrative structure we learned in class

* + There must be a clear:
    - Exposition
    - Conflict
    - Rising action
    - Climax
    - Falling action
    - Resolution

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /30 The story must contain **three** **of the following** (Circle those you plan to use):

* + Foreshadowing underlined in the story
  + Flashback underlined in the story
  + Irony – At the end of the story, write a paragraph explaining what the irony is and which of the three types of irony was used (situational, verbal or dramatic)
  + Detailed sensory descriptions (imagery)
  + Symbolism – At the end of the story, write a paragraph explaining what the symbolism is and what it represented
  + Theme – At the end of the story, write a paragraph explaining what the theme is and why you included it in the story
  + Dialogue (internal or external) that is indented and uses correct punctuation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 The story must use strong word choice that depicts a specific mood and/or tone

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 The story must have strong voice that demonstrates your characterization and point of view

**Total = 75 points**

**\*BONUS FOR USING VOCAB WORDS AND SENTENCE PATTERNS (BOLDED IN TEXT)!**

This assignment is due DECEMBER 16TH

*The Writing Process*

1. Brainstorming – you may choose one of the following story prompts to help you start
   1. Tattooed Disney princess that is a villain. Write this story
   2. There it was, finally. Our island. Our very own island. It looked beautiful above the waves of fog, but there was still one question to be answered: why had they sold it to us for give dollars?
   3. The haunted house has emotions and feelings – and you’re inside. Write this story.
   4. Use all of this in your story: a doctor, a corrupt government and children who have overthrown the adults and are ruling the world.
   5. Write about someone who decides not to set their clock back for daylight saving time. And no, they can’t live in Arizona or Hawaii.
   6. Write a story about some really boring people. Have something really boring happen to them that completely turns their world upside down.
   7. Tell an alien love story that includes this: “Touch your lips to mine like those people on earth did.”

*FIND MORE BY SEARCHING ONLINE!*

1. Complete the plot diagram on the backside of this paper to begin organizing/outlining your writing.