

Critical Analysis Essay - Short Story Unit  
English 10 - Miss Frauts

Step One

Pick ONE of the following topics to write your essay on.

- 1) retribution is its own reward
- 2) one never expects the unexpected
- 3) those who trifle with fate will face unforeseen consequences

Step Two

Use a minimum of two of the six short stories studied in class to support your topic.

Step Three

Brainstorm - create point form notes on what evidence you will use from the short stories to convey your understanding of the topic

Step Four

Topic/Thesis Statement - pick a SOLID statement that will reflect what your essay is about, this will be APPARENT and found within your introductory paragraph

Step Five

Create an essay skeleton:

Introduction - clear topic sentence

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Body (3 paragraphs)

(1) main points of the first paragraph

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(2) main points of the second paragraph

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(3) main points of the third paragraph

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Conclusion - reiterate topic sentence

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Step Six

- start to write complete sentences
- either begin with the body or the introduction

- re-read your work often
- read from the last sentence to the first to catch your errors
- read your paragraphs out loud to catch your errors

#### Step Seven

- have Miss Frauts read ONE paragraph - you pick :)
- edit your paragraph based on the feedback you receive

#### Step Eight

- have another peer, parent, adult edit your paper
- again revise based on the feedback you get

#### Step Nine

- submit ON TIME