

## Honors Literature and Short Stories

### Week 7

#### Allegory Essay

This week you will finish and polish the final draft of your literature essay. Refer to any edits I have given you and reread your essay to yourself and then your parents. Make sure it is clear and your thesis is shown.

As you complete your essay with the opening paragraph, three supporting paragraphs, and the closing paragraph, go back through and look once again at:

- Sentence structure
  - Do you use varied sentence structure?
  - Do you combine information rather than having short choppy sentences?
- Word choice
  - Have you checked your thesaurus to use a variety of words?
  - If you see a word repeated more than once in a paragraph, it should be replaced with a different word.
- Quotations
  - Have you made good use of quotes and integrated them smoothly into the body of your work?
  - Do they make sense?
  - Do they support your thesis statement?

#### Title for your paper:

Devise an interesting title for your paper. Perhaps there is a word or phrase from the book which sums up what you are discussing. Perhaps you have used a word or phrase in your essay that would make a good title. Maybe your vision of your essay creates a word picture that you can use as your title. Do not use the name of the book as your title. Be creative! The title of a paper in MLA format is very specific.

- It will go one double space after the last line of your heading (which should be the date).
- It will be centered using the Center justify.
- All major words will begin with a capital letter. Prepositions, conjunctions and short verbs (such as: as, is, was, etc.) will be lower case. First and last words of the title will always begin with an upper case, no matter what the word.
- The title will be the same font as the rest of the essay – no bold, underline, italic or larger font size.
- The body of the essay will begin one double space below the title.

**Essay Points:**

*Note: the points for the drafts (10 points each) are progress points only. These are in addition to the final point value for the essay. However, if you do not turn in the drafts, you will not only not receive the **draft progress** points, but you will also have these points **deducted** from the final draft of the essay – so this is a big hit. Keep up with the weekly drafts.*

**First draft of three supporting paragraphs: 10 pts.**  
**Second draft of three supporting paragraphs: 10 pts.**  
**First draft of opening and closing paragraphs: 10 pts.**  
**Final draft of essay: 150 pts.**

**Figurative Language**

***Simile***

A simile directly compares two things that are not alike. The comparison includes the words *like* or *as*.

Examples: Silent as a mouse.  
As big as a house.  
People are like ants.

***Metaphor***

A metaphor indirectly compares two unlike things without using the words *as* or *like*.

Examples: He is a pig!  
Her tears were crystals flowing down her cheek.  
The butterflies rose from the branch in an orange cloud.

***Personification***

Personification is the use of a metaphor that gives human qualities to non-human objects or things.

Examples: The tree raised its branches to the sky.  
The sound of the wailing wind as it fought its way through the valley frightened the settlers.

## Assignments

1. Write the *FINAL* draft of your entire essay. Include any edits I have given you. **Due this week 150 points**
2. **Weekly Shorts:** Write a descriptive paragraph (or two) using metaphors, similes and personification. This can be describing a scene, event, person, etc. Or you may choose to write a poem which uses metaphor, simile and personification. **5 points**
3. **Journal: 10 points** Read the short story “The Stone Boy” by Gina Berriault beginning on page 246 of *A Book of Short Stories I*. Find examples of similes, metaphors and personification in the story. Also, write your reaction to the story. Why did Arnold behave as he did? What is the symbolic significance of the title

(If you do not have *A Book of Short Stories I*, this story is available next to this week’s lesson at the lessons site.