

Name: _____

American Literature, 11th grade

Due Date: 1st Day of Classes, Fall 2017

**Summer
Homework**

American
Literature

Step One: Select ONE of the following short stories to read this summer from the list below.
ALL of the following stories can be found online for free:

Lamb to the Slaughter By Roald Dahl (1953)	To Build a Fire By Jack London (1908)	A Jury of Her Peers By Susan Glaspell (1917)
Thank You Ma'am By Langston Hughes (1958)	Desiree's Baby By Kate Chopin (1893)	Fiesta By Junot Diaz (1980)

Step Two: Gather information about the background of your short story and its author. Complete the section called *Building Background Information* with the information you gather. **This is due on the first day of class.**

Step Three: Complete the "Short Story Notes Sheet" attached to this paper. **This is due on the first day of class.**

Step Four: On your "Short Story Notes Sheet," define and find examples of at least 4 of the following literary device terms. **This is due on the first day of class.**

Metaphor	Simile	Characterization	Hyperbole
Tone	Mood	Personification	Symbol
Irony	Conflict	Foreshadowing	Round Character
Flat Character	Dialogue	Voice	Diction

Building Background Information

1. Short Story Title: _____

2. Author: _____ Publication Date: _____

3. What significant events took place in the United States during the time period this book was written?

4. If you were living in America during the time in which the book is set, what would define your experience as an American?

Short Story Notes Sheet

Character Names and Titles / Roles in the Story	
Significant Plot Points (you should <u>name</u> and <u>describe</u> at least 6 throughout the story)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.2.3.4.5.6.

<p>Significant Quotes (you should <i>directly</i> <i>quote</i> and <i>properly cite</i> at least 4 from the story)</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>
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Term	Definition	Example from the Text You Read (this should be a direct quote)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		