

## **Junior English Summer Reading/2008**

Great American Short Stories: Hawthorne to Hemingway, ed. Corinne Demas

### **FIRST:**

Read Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher," Bierce's "The Occurrence at Owl-Creek Bridge," and Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper."

Create a poster in which you represent the unstable and fragmented realities of the main characters in these three stories. Be sure to incorporate images, either cut out or original (or both), that reflect the mental places of all three characters. Adhere to the back of the poster a 1-3 paragraph explanation for your poster.

These posters are to be submitted, along with your parent signed reading slip, **on the first day of school. No late work will be accepted.**

### **SECOND:**

Additional required reading from the anthology includes: (Regular sections choose five; Honors sections read all seven).

Hawthorne's "Young Goodman Brown," James' "My Friend Bingham," Freeman's "The Revolt of Mother," Chesnut's "The Wife of His Youth," Wharton's "The Other Two," Anderson's "The Untold Lie," and Hemingway's "The End of Something."

Consider the portrayal of male/female relationships in these stories (most are about marriage, but not all). Is the portrayal positive, negative? Controlling, manipulative? Empty, unfulfilling? Peaceful, understanding?

Consider the role of women in these stories. What are their roles? How are they perceived by other characters? What conflicts typify their lives, and how do they deal with them? How do they fit the expected behaviors for women of their particular time period?

Come prepared the first week of school to discuss and write about these topics in relation to the listed stories. It would be a good idea to mark up your book as you read; underline, take notes in the margin, highlight passages that pertain to these two topics.

### **THIRD:**

Be sure to bring your book to class the first day. We will refer to the other stories throughout the year, so you will need to hold on to this summer reading book.

**Also, if you lose this sheet, it will be posted on edline under Summer Reading.**

Enjoy your summer. May you grow spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally as you encounter experiences outside of school life.

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