English 8 – Short Story Literacy Project

TASK: Using a brand-new text, and a variety of text features, you will design a layout that teaches your reader what you know about short story elements and vocabulary.

Text Features:

- Photographs, images, drawings, diagrams
- Captions
- Maps
- Charts, tables, graphs
- Timelines
- Titles, headings, subheadings
- Highlighted/ Bolded words
- Icons
- Bullet points or lists
- Glossary
- Index
- Key/ Legend

Your layout must include:

☐ Short story text, title, author

☐ Understanding of the DEFINITIONS of CONFLICT, CLIMAX, INCITING INCIDENT, PROTAGONIST, CHARACTER TRAIT, SYMBOL, SETTING, and THEME as well as clear, correct evidence of these concepts in the story.

☐ At least FOUR different text features (used multiple times if needed) to help show the above information.

- **How will you use the above text features to teach your reader the different elements of a short story, AND help them to see examples in the story you have chosen?**

☐ Definitions to at least THREE vocabulary words from the story, with an ORIGINAL sentence for each word as an example (each sentence must use the word in a way that clearly shows understanding of meaning, and provides enough clues to help the reader guess the meaning of the word).

ABOVE ALL, your layout must be NEAT and CLEAR. Color and creativity in your design can help, but shouldn't distract or confuse.

Due: _____

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Required Elements Checklist:

☐ Story Title ☐ Story Author ☐ Story Text
☐ Short Story definitions and evidence from the story as examples
☐ At least three vocabulary words
☐ At least FOUR text features
(Write in the space below the features that you used)

Criteria	Approaching Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Fully Meeting/ Exceeding Expectations
Understanding of Short Story Elements	- Some definitions are missing. - Significant number of terms do not have proof from the text, or have incorrect proof.	- All definitions for the required terms are included - Most terms have sufficient and correct examples as proof from the text. Terms: **CONFLICT, CLIMAX, INCITING INCIDENT, PROTAGONIST, CHARACTER TRAIT, SYMBOL, SETTING, and THEME**	- All definitions for the required terms are included. - All terms have correct (possibly multiple) examples as proof.
Vocabulary	- Vocabulary words may not have correct definitions included. - Sample sentences do not contain sufficient detail to understand the meaning of the words	- Vocabulary words have correct definitions. - Sample sentences contain sufficient detail to understand the meaning of the word.	- Vocabulary words have correct definitions. - Sample sentences contain effective and/ or sophisticated detail to understand the meaning of the words. - More words than are required may be included
Text Features/ Presentation	- Insufficient number of text features (<4) utilized. - Presentation of project may be lacking in neatness, clarity, or adequate proofreading - Large or obvious gaps in white space around the text is evident.	- Required number (4) of text features correctly utilized. - Presentation of project is acceptably neat, clear, and efficient, with minimal distractions, and few mechanical errors like spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and sentence errors - White space around the text is utilized evenly and consistently for the most part.	- More than the required number of text features (5+) utilized. - Presentation of the project is neat, clear, and efficient, with effective use of color and creativity. - Very few mechanical errors. - Effective use of white space around the text.