

Plans for week 2 (April 27-May 1)

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Assignment Week #:

English 11

1. Read “A Pair of Silk Stockings” by Kate Chopin (PDF on website).
2. Answer the following questions based on “A Pair of Silk Stockings”
 - a. What is Mrs. Sommers’s motivation for her shopping spree? Use textual evidence to support your position.
 - b. When Mrs. Sommers first feels the silk stockings, they “glide serpentlike through her fingers.” What does a serpent often symbolize in western culture? Explain why this description is significant.
 - c. What is the story’s climax? Why does this make sense? Provide textual evidence to support your position.
 - d. Consider this character in relation to Louise Mallard, the character in Chopin’s “The Story of an Hour.” Find 3 similarities **OR** differences and include textual evidence to support your finding. There can be a combination of the two types, for example 2 similarities and 1 difference. For each piece, explain in 2-3 sentences why the idea you chose is important.
3. Read “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe (PDF on website).
4. Answer the following questions based on “The Tell-Tale Heart”
 - a. What might the old man’s heart symbolize? What does not stop, even after the man is killed?
 - b. The word “Death” is capitalized and made a proper noun in this story. Who is death here? Why does this person think he is death? Do you agree with his label?
 - c. Compare this narrator with the one from “The Cask of Amontillado.” Find 3 similarities **OR** differences and include textual evidence to support your finding. There can be a combination of the two types, for example 2 similarities and 1 difference. For each piece, explain in 2-3 sentences why the idea you chose is important.

- d. Which of the two Poe narrators is more trustworthy? Why? Explain your reasoning.
5. Choose one of the four short stories we have read so far and write a paragraph analyzing a theme from the short story. Make sure your piece follows TRIIC formatting. Please see below for an example:
 - a. “A Pair of Silk Stockings,” by Kate Chopin, suggests that money allows for people to dream and be free. She supports this assertion by showing a woman coming out of her shell because she came into extra money. Chopin writes, “For a day or two she walked about apparently in a dreamy state...” Mrs. Sommers, the character in Chopin’s story, can only imagine something new about life because of the money—it gives her permission to dream about what she could do for her family in a way that she did not have the time or resources to do so before. As the story progresses, the idea of money being freedom becomes clearer.