

English Test Review—Short Stories

Test Date: _____

Fiction Genre (notes)

- What is fiction?
- What is prose?
- What does the word genre mean?
- What is narrative writing?
- How is narrative writing organized?
- What is a protagonist? Provide an example.
- What is an antagonist? Provide an example.

Fiction Genres (chart)

- 8 genres covered in class: Mystery, Horror, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Poetry, Myths/Legends/Fairy Tales, Historical Fiction, Humour

The Setting (sheet)

- What is the setting?
- The 5 aspects of setting: Place, Time, Weather Conditions, Social Conditions, Mood or Atmosphere

The Plot (sheet)

- The 5 plot elements: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution. Be able to label a diagram.
- The three different arrangements of the plot: Chronological, Flashback, In Media Res
- What is conflict?
- The 4 types of conflict: Human vs. Human, Human vs. Nature, Human vs. Self, Human vs. Society

Characters (sheet)

- The 2 meanings for the word “character”
- Protagonist and Antagonist
- Three types of character in a piece of fiction
- Characterization—the 6 methods: Physical Description, thoughts, Setting, Other, Dialogue, Actions

“The Sniper” by Liam O’Flaherty (handout)

- General comprehension questions
- Setting and Plot