

Lesson 10 Culminating Assignment Short Stories and Poems

Read the following poem and then choose one character from the short stories you have read, who could have written this poem. Give three pieces of evidence from the short story. Show your understanding of the both the poem and the character you have chosen. Focus on protagonists.

The written answer should be at least five paragraphs.

- Intro where you discuss the theme of the poem and tie it to a protagonist.
- Three pronged thesis statement would discuss the link and the three reasons why you choose this protagonist.
- Three paragraphs dealing with evidence from the short story of how the theme of the poem is connected to the protagonist.
- Concluding paragraph that sums up the major theme of the poem/protagonist's experience

Choose from: Glass Roses
Harrison Bergeron
The Painted Door
Miss Brill
The Walk to Remember
The Shining Houses

Expect Nothing

Alice Walker

Expect nothing. Live frugally
On surprise.
become a stranger
To need of pity
Or, if compassion be freely
Given out
Take only enough
Stop short of urge to plead
Then purge away the need.

Wish for nothing larger

Than your own small heart
Or greater than a star;
Tame wild disappointment
With caress unmoved and cold
Make of it a parka
For your soul.

Discover the reason why
So tiny human midget
Exists at all
So scared unwise
But expect nothing. Live frugally
On surprise.