**Elements of a Short Story Webquest**

**Introduction:**

Why do we enjoy hearing or reading stories? We listen and tell short stories every day. When you tell your friends about the awesome landing you made while snowboarding, or about the details of your very exciting (or boring) weekend. Stories are the way for people to carry on traditions or memories. During this Webquest, you will collect information on what makes up a good short story. By the end of this quest, you will have the information you need to understand and discuss the stories we read in class. This will also introduce a different element of a short story. Watch for it!

**Tasks:**

**Task 1:**

* Using online resources, you will explore the elements of a short story You will need to find two examples of each element.
* Learning Expectations: You will be able to identify the short story as a literary genre. You will also be able to identify the elements of a short story

1. Working alone, visit the following site and read about the five important short story elements:

<http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca/engramja/elements.html>

1. **On a sheet of paper, make an outline with each of the five elements as a heading with bullet points identifying the most important points of each of these elements. What makes them so important?**

**Task 2:**

1. Read the following short story.
2. As you go through the story, use the story chart to write down where the short story elements in the story you have chosen.

<http://www.classicshorts.com/stories/sniper.html>

**Task 3:**

1. For this task, use the address below and go through all four charts to plot out what you learned while you read your short story.
2. Follow the directions.
3. Once you have completed all four charts, you will click “print” and then select all four by putting check marks in the boxes by each one.
4. **When you get to the print dialogue box, instead of printing, you will SAVE your work as a PDF.**
5. **Once it is saved, you need to share it with me via Google Drive at** [**sarah.honeycutt@apps.cabarrus.k12**](mailto:sarah.honeycutt@apps.cabarrus.k12)**.nc.us**

<http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/lit-elements/>

**Evaluation**

You will be graded on the following:

* Your outline/notes (should be in your READING section)
* Your submitted graphic organizers.