

DUE: At end of class today!

Language Arts, Grade 8 ERQ for "The Ransom of Red Chief"

O. Henry's short story "The Ransom of Red Chief" derives its humor, in part from ironic, unexpected twists in the plot as well as ironic name choices. Respond to the prompt below, showing your understanding of irony in this story.

A. Determine the mood of the story.

B. Analyze the irony O. Henry uses in the story and how the three types of irony influence the mood. Use quotes from the story to support your analysis.

"The Ransom of Red Chief"

Rubric for This ERQ (50 points possible)

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- ✓ Clear mention of story title and author as well as the point of the ERQ.
- ✓ Mood is correct and the writer clearly states how they determined the mood.
- ✓ Clear explanation of how all three types of irony affected mood.
- ✓ At least three quotes from story used.
- ✓ Sensible organization and transitions.
- ✓ Accurate spelling, grammar, and mechanics.

3 (40 points)

- ✓ Mention of story title or author
- ✓ Mood is correct, but does not explain how they determined it.
- ✓ Some explanation of how all three types of irony affect the mood.
- ✓ Some quotes used.
- ✓ Basic organization and transitions
- ✓ Some spelling, grammar and mechanic errors.

2 (30 points)

- ✓ No story title or author
- ✓ Mood is mentioned.
- ✓ Little explanation of how only two of three types of irony affect the mood.
- ✓ No quotes used, just summary of story.
- ✓ Weak organization
- ✓ Several spelling, grammar and mechanic errors.

1 (25 points)

- ✓ Minimal attempt to respond to the question.
- ✓ Incorrect mood and analysis

0 (0 points)

- ✓ Not a full page!
- ✓ Did not turn in!
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