

Short Story Independent Reading Project  
(150 points)  
Due: Friday, October 10th

Read the directions VERY carefully!

1. Pick a short story to read from the [www.americanliterature.com/middle-school-short-stories](http://www.americanliterature.com/middle-school-short-stories) webpage OR our literature book. It CANNOT be a story we read in class....
2. Complete the project requirements on the rubric below.

Title of story, author of story and original published date	25 points
Author study that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Birth and death date</li><li>• Real name</li><li>• Where they lived</li><li>• Interesting facts</li><li>• Most popular stories and books</li></ul>	25 points
Short Story Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Protagonist</li><li>• Antagonist</li><li>• Plot</li><li>• Conflicts (indicate what type)</li><li>• Theme timeline that tells what happens in the story to teach the lesson and clearly states the theme of the story.</li><li>• Mood (create a visual that displays the words and details from the text that creates the mood)</li></ul> <i>(Each bullet must be discussed completely and specifically.)</i>	75 points
Presentation: Compile your information in a binder or folder with the rubric attached.	25 points