Short Story Unit Overview

In this Unit, we will use our skills with reading strategies our knowledge of literary devices, and our academic conversation skills to work in detail with the Short Story form.

We will analyze one short story together: *The Incident at Owl Street Bridge* by American writer, Ambrose Bierce.

Then we will divide into groups of three (max), and each group will select a short story to work with from this list (one group per story). You will do your in depth short story analysis project using this story.

You will then form groups of four (with different people) to analyse a second short story to prepare as the subject of your Panel Discussion. Note: for panel discussions, I will assign the groups and the story from this list.

You may write your essay on the story of your choice from the list. It is recommended that you write your essay on one of the two stories you have studied in detail.

## Short Story List

* A good Man is Hard to Find – Flannery O’Connor
* A Rose For Emily – William Faulkner
* After I was thrown in the River and before I drowned – Dave Eggers
* Everyday Use – Alice Walker
* Ghost of Firozsha Baag – Rohinton Mistry
* The Red-Headed League – Arthur Conan Doyle
* Skin – Roald Dahl
* Snow, Glass, Apples – Neil Gaiman
* Thank you Ma’am – Langston Hughs
* The Handsomest Drowned Man in the World – Gabriel Garcia Marquez
* The Scapegoat – Paul Lawrence Dunbar
* The Secret Life of Walter Mitty – James Thurber
* The Story of an Hour – Kate Chopin
* Through the Tunnel – Doris Lessing
* Why I Live at the PO – Eudora Welty

Once we finish Owl Street Bridge, this unit makes extensive use of Information and Communication Technology. We will be meeting in the computer lab.

## Evaluation:

* Short Story Website
* Panel Discussion
* Essay