English 8

Major project: Signpost Analysis

Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is it:**

* 15 slide presentation analyzing the use of reading signposts in a story of your choice
* You will not be presenting this—the focus isn’t on speaking this time but instead on your content analysis, writing quality, and visual presentation
* For each signpost, you will explain at least 2 examples and the effect of those 2 examples specifically, as well as the effect of that signpost in the story overall
* Since signposts help you learn more about the plot, feel the mood, or understand theme, you will start with two slides that explain the story’s plot, mood, and theme
* This isn’t so bad, so don’t bother complaining ☺
* 15 slide breakdown:
	+ Plot & Mood
	+ Theme Analysis
	+ Contrasts & Contradictions: Examples
	+ Contrasts & Contradictions: Purpose
	+ Again & Again: Examples
	+ Again & Again: Purpose
	+ Memory Moment: Examples
	+ Memory Moment: Purpose
	+ Words of the Wiser: Examples
	+ Words of the Wiser: Purpose
	+ Tough Questions: Examples
	+ Tough Questions: Purpose
	+ Aha Moment: Examples
	+ Aha Moment: Purpose
	+ Works Cited

How it’s graded:

* 100 points total (10% of the semester grade)
	+ Analysis content (60)
		- 15 slides x 4 points each
	+ Writing Quality (25)
		- Grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. -1 point per error
		- Complete sentences are not necessary but other grammar rule apply
	+ Visual Quality (10)
		- Use of pictures (5)
		- Easy to read text (5)
	+ Works Cited (5)
		- Correct MLA citation of your story

By the way… A story is anything that has a plot, characters, and a theme.

You can use books, movies, TV shows, video games, plays, etc.

You can even use the same story you chose for your favorite story presentation. ; )

**Just make sure whatever story you pick has at least 2 examples of all 6 signposts.**