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.**