English 12 Short Story Study guide Rubric: narratives (or stories) that are used to teach skills, transmit cultural values and mores, convey news, record family and community histories, and explain our natural world

The study guide is assessed holistically.

**6**

The six level study guide is **superior**, demonstrating an insightful understanding, analysis and evaluation of the elements of a short story. The guide shows a sophisticated approach to inferring themes and writing theme statements, and includes pertinent references and well- chosen quotations. Language is very clear, effective, carefully chosen and precise, (no vague language) with a high degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; register and style are effective and appropriate for your audience. There is a strong organization of the elements of fiction and study questions lead the student to think critically of the story.

**5**

The five level study guide is **proficient**, demonstrating a clear analysis and understanding of the texts at an interpretive level. The guide clearly outlines the themes within the texts. Theme statements are clearly written with a proficient use of language. References may be explicit or implicit and convincingly demonstrate an understanding of the story. Language is clear, specific and carefully chosen, with a good degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; (minimal vague language) register and style are consistently appropriate to the task. There is a good organization of the elements of fiction and study questions lead the student to a better understanding of the story.

 **4**

The four study guide is **competent**. Understanding of the texts tends to be literal and superficial. Minimal analysis and some inference is apparent. Theme statements seem to be moralistic. The study guide may rely heavily on paraphrasing and long quotations. References and examples are present, but may be limited in advancing a more insightful understanding of the story. Language is sometimes clear and carefully chosen; (some vague language) grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction are fairly accurate, although errors and inconsistencies are apparent; the register and style are to some extent appropriate to the task. The guide has some organization and uses a straightforward structure. Some errors are evident and make some sections difficult to comprehend.

**3**

The three study guide is **barely adequate**. Understanding of the text may be partially flawed. (Maybe you didn’t read the entire story.) An attempt at explaining the story is evident but it is mostly plot summary. References to the texts are not used or are not clearly connected to a theme. The study guide may show some sense of purpose, but errors are distracting and/or make some of the writing difficult to understand.