

Mrs. Mai  
Honors English 9  
2017  
Study Guide

The following short stories will be part of your test. You will be asked to write a short essay connecting two of these stories, using specifics (but NOT quotes) from the stories. In other words, you should know characters; names, some events that happened in the story, themes and such so that you can discuss these ideas. Your classwork preparation will be critical to this essay! (30)

*The Most Dangerous Game*  
*Powder*  
*The Open Window*  
*The Necklace*  
*A Small, Good Thing*  
*The Scarlet Ibis*

Short answer and definitions. Be able to define and discuss the following literary elements as they relate to the stories above. Think about each element and consider how these elements contribute to the stories – *why are these elements particularly important to this story.* (70)

- Conflict
- Irony
- Mood
- Symbolism
- Theme
- Flashback/Foreshadow
- Narration
- Setting
- Imagery
- Character development

*Ex.: Setting in The Necklace: The setting is the time and place where the story or narration takes place. Sometimes specifics of date and location are important to the story, sometimes they are not. In "The Necklace," we learn that the story takes place during 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris. This is important to the story because it helps the reader to identify Mme. Loisel's position in society and to understand her frustration with it, knowing how little she can do to change it. This information helps build character development and also helps dramatize the irony at the end of the story.*