SHORT STORY AND LITERATURE ELEMENTS TEST
LITERATURE ELEMENTS

- Theme: The underlying message of the story
- Characters:
  - Antagonist: The person who opposes the protagonist
  - Protagonist: The character the audience identifies with (The main character)
- Conflict:
  - Internal: Happens within the main character (Person vs. Self)
  - External: A conflict between the main character and an outside force (Person vs person, Nature, Technology, Supernatural)
LITERATURE ELEMENTS

- **Plot**
  - **Exposition:** Introduces the setting, characters, and the basic situation of the story
  - **Conflict:** Introduces the problem of the story
  - **Rising Action:** Scenes in the story that make the conflict more intense
  - **Climax:** When the conflict is beginning to be resolved
  - **Falling Action:** When the conflict has been resolved and everything starts to fall into place
  - **Resolution:** When all the lose ends of the story are tied up.
Plot

EXPOSITION

CONFLICT introduced

RISING ACTION

CLIMAX

FALLING ACTION

RESOLUTION

TITLE____________________________________

AUTHOR__________________________

CONFICT introduced
OTHER PLOT ELEMENTS

- **Symbolism:** When one object represents another idea
  - Ex. Apple symbolizes Death in Snow White

- **Foreshadowing:** A hint or suggestion of something to come
  - When the Jaws theme music plays, you know something bad is going to happen

- **Irony:** The opposite of what you expect to happen
  - When the character you thought was a friend of the protagonist, he turns out to be his arch enemy
“SEVENTH GRADE”

- Main Characters: Victor, Teresa, Michael
- Conflict: Victor wants Teresa to be his girl, but he doesn’t know how to talk to her. He tries hopelessly to impress her but it fails.
- Points of interest:
  - Victor takes French as an Elective to impress Teresa
  - Michael thinks girls will like scowls because all the male models use it. He tells Victor to do this to Teresa.
  - Victor even pretends to know French on the first day of French Class
    - Thankfully, Mr. Bueller knows what Victor is doing so he is nice about the situation.
“LATHER AND NOTHING ELSE”

- Main Characters: The Barber and Captain Torres
- Conflict: The Barber is a spy for the rebel army against Captain Torres. The barber doesn’t know if he should kill Captain Torres while he is shaving him.

Points of Interest

- Takes place in a South American Barber Shop
- The Barber is nervous and scared of what might happen to him if he kills the Captain (he was so nervous, he was soaked with sweat), but he is also careful because he takes pride in his job
- As Captain Torres leaves, he admits to the barber that he knew that he was a spy, but killing someone isn’t ever easy.
“AMIGO BROTHERS”

- Main Characters: Antonio and Felix
- Conflict: Antonio and Felix are best friends and they have to fight each other for a chance to enter the Golden Gloves boxing championship
- Interesting Points
  - Both boys love boxing
  - The boys realize that they could have a fair fight and be best friends
“TREASURE OF LEMON BROWN”

- Main Characters: Greg, Lemon Brown
- Conflict: Greg doesn’t want to go home because he doesn’t want to hear his father’s lectures. Through his experiences with Lemon Brown he realizes that every man has a treasure and should fight for it.
- Interesting points
  - Greg’s whole problem is because he isn’t doing well in math
  - When Greg goes into the abandoned tenament, he meets Lemon Brown
    - Some hoodlums try to steal Lemon’s treasure. But, his treasure isn’t really a treasure; it’s an old harmonica and newspaper clippings.
“PAPA’S PARROT”

- Main Characters: Harry, Mr. Tillian, and Rocky
- Conflict: Henry doesn’t like to be around his father’s shop anymore and Mr. Tillian gets a parrot name Rocky because Mr. Tillian misses his son.

Interesting points
- Harry and his friends stop going there because they are getting too old for a candy shop.
- When Mr. Tillian got Rocky, it added to his Harry’s embarrassment of his father.
- When Rocky says “Where’s Harry, miss him,” he realizes that his father only got the bird because he missed his son.
“ALL SUMMER IN A DAY”

- Main Characters: Margot and the class
- Conflict: Margot is from Earth and she is living on Venus. It always rains on Venus, and Margot is absolutely miserable because of it.
- Interesting Point
  - The day it stops raining, the students lock Margot in a closet.
“A DAY’S WAIT”

- **Character:** Schatz, his father, and his doctor
- **Conflict:** Schatz has a fever, but he thinks that he is going to die because he is confusing Celsius with Fahrenheit
- **Interesting Points**
  - Schatz went to school in Paris where everything is in Celsius, however, his family does not live in France. (Thus, the change in setting is quite important)
  - The story is told from the father’s perspective.
  - Schatz seems to be more concerned with how his father is handling the situation because he feels that he is dying.
“THE ZOO”

- **Main Characters:** The Children, Professor Hugo, Horse Spider People of Khan
- **Conflict:** The children of Earth are paying a dollar to see “The Zoo” of the horse spider people of Khan
- **Interesting Points:**
  - The Horse Spider People of Khan think the people of Earth are the zoo!
  - This is irony!!