

English S2 Class

2nd Semester 2006

Course Number: ENGLISH S2 #678

Theme: Short Stories

Instructor's name: Kurt Goltz

Key Words

Short stories, contemporary fiction, authors, writers, reading

Course Aims and Objectives:

Students will apply the skills learned in English A, B, and C to reading and discussing a selection of short stories. Students will be able to:

- 1) Deepen their understanding and appreciation of English literature.
- 2) Practice and improve their conversational English with daily discussions about the stories.
- 3) Improve their reading comprehension.
- 4) Develop a vocabulary for understanding and discussing literature.

Course Content:

Day 1

Introduction and orientation: The aims of the course, class activities and the responsibilities of the students. Distribution of course materials. Introduction: What is a short story?

Day 2

The Basics: author, narrator, scene, setting, characters etc.

Group discussions based on homework reading

Day 3

Figurative Language: figures of speech, similes, metaphors etc.

Group reading and discussion.

Day 4

Reading for Meaning: idioms, irony, imagery, symbols.

Biographical information about the authors. The importance of experience on writing.

Day 5

Summary and review

Student presentations

Class rules:

Students are expected to:

- 1) Do daily reading homework and review the vocabulary from previous lessons.
- 2) Come to class prepared to discuss the readings in detail.
- 3) Speak English at all times.
- 4) Attend all classes if possible. If a student is absent for more than three classes, he/she will fail this course.
- 5) Come to class on time. Three times late will count as one absence.

Textbook/materials:

Short stories chosen and compiled by the teacher. Supplementary materials also supplied by the teacher.

Evaluation:

Class participation	50%
Homework	20%
Oral presentation	30%