

English 3, Level 2 Co-Taught (W221332)

You will be reading the following short stories for your summer reading (**these must be purchased at the New Trier bookstore**):

1. *A Retrieved Reformation* by O. Henry
2. *The Return of Lucio* by Manuela Williams Crosno
3. *Rules of the Game from The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
4. *Confidence Game* by Pat Carr

Assignment:

- Please annotate **each story** noting how characters behave when they are alone AND how they behave when they are part of a group, community, or family. Be sure to note the changes!
- At the end of each story, write a summary explaining why family and community are so important.

****Bring your annotated stories to class on the first day of school!**

Annotation Guidelines:

Opening Signals: What details feel important at the start of each story? Pay careful attention to the key words, ideas, characters, and images you first encounter.

Repetition: When a word, action, or idea is repeated, the author wants us to realize something. Make note of repetition and what you think it means.

Conflict: A disagreement or battle between different people or ideas is known as a conflict. Conflicts can be between characters (external) or within a character's mind (internal). Note any conflicts that occur and try to infer why they are in the story.

Questions: What is confusing to you? Please write questions in the margin next to a moment in the story you find confusing.

Last Looks: What details feel important at the end of the story? The last words or images in a story can sometimes bring about a sense of resolution, or answer questions. In other instances, however, readers are left with abrupt endings or a feeling that conflicts are left unresolved. What do you see happening at the end of each story?