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The main audience for *The Secret DNA of Analyzing Short Stories* is the mass of students who have to write essays on short stories—but don't know how to begin because they don't know how to cope with all those literary elements or literary devices that teachers are constantly throwing at them. So the main audience covers students from elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and colleges and universities.

(However, this e-book is also for anyone who has never been satisfied by the literary analysis methods provided by so-called 'experts' in literature. And, if you've got your own pet literary theory, you'll want to compare it to this simple but powerful method for analyzing short stories--you'll be pleasantly surprised. If you're a teacher, this book will give you a dependable, clear method to teach your students that really works on ALL short stories.)

The Secret DNA of Analyzing Short Stories does an end-run around all those literary devices and first teaches a powerful three-step method that shows students how to look for three important things that always happen in every published short story:

the OldView (much more insightful than just 'background information'),
the supports/undercuts for the OldView, and
the NewView Reverse.

This e-book trains you in mastering this three-step analysis method by walking you through TEN very popular and very quality short stories that come from a wide variety of internationally noted authors--so you'll have no doubt that the method works. Here's the list of ten classic short stories analyzed so clearly and so insightfully in this innovative e-book:

A Rose for Emily, by William Faulkner

Clay, by James Joyce

Paul's Case, by Willa Cather

The Most Dangerous Game, by Richard Connell

The Bet, by Anton Chekov

The Outcasts of Poker Flat, by Bret Harte

The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County, by Mark Twain

The Stranger, by Katherine Mansfield

The Cask of Amontillado, by Edgar Allan Poe

The Ransom of Red Chief, by O. Henry

As an e-book, *The Secret DNA of Analyzing Short Stories* has the advantage of being able to give you Internet links so you can just click and go read each short story online, as it is being discussed. And after all the discussions of the ten short stories, the book provides one hundred (100) examples of essay thesis statements (ten for each of the ten short stories) implementing the five most used literary devices: irony, conflict, imagery, symbolism, and theme.

At the center and core of *The Secret DNA of Analyzing Short Stories* is the Universal Law of NewView, the seminal concept in creativity and all types of communication that was introduced last year in the e-book *The*

Secret DNA of Writing Essays—And Everything Else. That book is the natural next step after this book on analyzing short stories, for it gets down to the nitty-gritty of teaching students how take their NewView Thesis statements and make them into essays. Both books are available here at Amazon.com and on the author's website at <http://secretdnaofwritingessays.com>.

The Secret DNA of Analyzing Short Stories, just like its sister book, is presently being used successfully in charter schools and public schools by third, fourth, and fifth graders, as well as middle school students, high school students, college students, and businessmen.

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