**English 9:  
Short Story Essay**

Select any ONE of the topics below, and write a thoughtful essay, using point-proof-explain paragraphs, with direct quotes from the story as evidence to support your ideas.

**Topics**

1. Describe how the mother in “Everyday Use,” by Alice Munro, is a *dynamic* character.
2. Describe how the physical *setting* of “The Interlopers”, by Saki (H.H. Munro), relates to the *mood* of the story and the lives of the characters.
3. Describe the different uses of *irony* in “Barney,” by Will Stanton.
4. Discuss how “The Veldt”, by Ray Bradbury, can be read as a criticism of people’s reliance on technology.
5. Use any **one** stories we’ve read to explore the *theme*: “A lack of empathy can have negative effects and/ or consequences.”

**Marking Breakdown**

**Overall** (quality or writing, depth of insight into the story, effectiveness of support) /18

**Quotes** (at least three, relevant and correctly integrated) /6

**Mechanics** (no Run Ons, Sentence Fragments, or usage errors) /6

**Total /30**