

Coming of Age Short Story Project

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Read one of the 3 stories listed in the box below from the *Coming of Age* book.

Step 2: Pick a question from Box A, B, or C, and write an essay responding to that question about the story you read. Your essay must have a beginning, middle, and end. Content, usage, and mechanics will be scored. Provide support. (150 words)

Step 3: Read another of the 3 stories.

Step 4: Pick a question from a different box, and write an essay responding to that question about the second story you read.

Step 5: Read the third story.

Step 6: Pick a question from the remaining box, and write an essay responding to that question about the last story you read.

STORIES

Read the following stories in whatever order you choose:

- "Guess What? I Almost Kissed My Father Goodnight" (p. 125)
- "I Go Along" (p. 190)
- "And Summer Is Gone" (p. 206)

BOX A

- What character(s) was your favorite? Why?
- What character(s) did you dislike? Why?
- Does anyone in this work remind you of anyone you know? Explain.

BOX B

- What quality(-ies) of which character(s) strikes you as a good characteristic to develop within yourself over the years? Why? How does the character demonstrate this quality? Explain.
- Do any incidents, ideas, or actions in this work remind you of your own life of something that happened to you? Explain.
- Do you feel there is an opinion expressed by the author through this work? What is it? How do you know this? Do you agree? Why or why not?

BOX C

- Do you think the title of the work is appropriate? Is it significant? Explain. What do you think the title means?
- Sometimes a work will leave you with a feeling that there is more to tell. Did this work do this? What do you think might happen next?
- What do you feel is the most important word, phrase, passage, or paragraph in this work? Explain why it is important.