



Using one choice from *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*, write a completely new and original short story, serious in nature, which shows two or more *people* in conflict. Since our most powerful writing deals with human nature and human emotion, make your characters entirely human. Your short story should have believable dialogue (properly punctuated), powerful description and observation, well-developed characters, and a plausible resolution. Your manuscript should be devoid of technical errors such as run-on sentences, sentence fragments, and misspelled words. These errors will diminish your grade. Make this a short story of 800 to 1000 words. The following is a list—in order of their appearance—of all the elements to appear in your project:

1. **Cover sheet:** story title, your name, word count, Creative Writing Class, Mr. King, and date (TYPED)
2. **Character sketch:** giving analysis of the following character elements:
  - main character's appearance
  - main character's beliefs
  - common habits of the main character
  - a past incident which contributed to a specific personality characteristic
  - (2 to 3 paragraphs in length... HAND-WRITTEN)
3. **Setting Description:** Full separate description of the story's main setting (1 to 2 paragraphs... HAND-WRITTEN)
4. **Rough Draft:** A complete draft 1 of your story, partner-annotated (HAND- WRITTEN)
5. **Typed Story:** One perfectly written draft of your 800-1000 word story, beginning *In Medias Res (middle of life)* (TYPED)

\* Be certain to use the picture's caption in your story, and *highlight* the caption in your text.

Your story should be 800 to 1000 words in length. That's approximately 3.5 typed pages, double-spaced. Please make certain that your lines are double-spaced, your margins are only one inch, and that your font is Times-New Roman #12. Your project is due at the end of the testing period on \_\_\_\_\_. No late submissions accepted—no exceptions! Consider this a disposable manuscript, as I will be keeping it. This project is a compilation of all your powerful writing skills, and is therefore worth 200 points.