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Week 16 Assignment Sheet
December 14, 2023
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Unless specifically stated, no outside resources (Web sites, books, magazines, etc.) should be consulted to complete weekly homework assignments. *In other words, don't just Google the answer.* All assignments, unless otherwise noted, should be completed in MLA format.

Literature

- Read "A Christmas Memory" by Truman Capote and "Christmas to Me" by Harper Lee.

Writing

- Complete Essay on Character (due week 17— after Christmas break.) See separate handout for details of the assignment. You should first answer questions about the characters in the story in preparation for the final essay. You will attach the questions from this assignment sheet and the answers to these questions to your essay.

Honors and Juniors/Seniors

- Write your own Christmas memory in the style of Harper Lee's article. (1 to 2 pages, double-spaced).

Grammar

- None

Vocabulary

- Be ready for a quiz on: **adjacent, arbitrary, confluence, cordial, digress, diminish, fluctuate, eminent, imminent, obsolete, prolific, solidarity**

Character in literature can be defined as the author's creation, through the medium of words, of a personality who takes on actions, thoughts, expressions, and attitudes unique and appropriate to that personality and consistent with it.

4 Ways in which a writer usually indicates character:

1. By what the person himself says (and thinks, from the author's third person omniscient point of view). **What do Buddy and his friend say about their relationship?**

2. By what the character does. **List things Buddy and his friend DO that show that they are good friends.**

3. By what other characters say about him. **What does Buddy say about his friend? What does his friend say about him?**

4. By what the author says about him, speaking as either the storyteller or an observer of the action. **Does the author make a comment about the friendship? Does he imply anything about the friendship? How?**