**Poetry Creative Ending Short Story**

**Directions:** With your partner from the poem presentation or by yourself, you will plan and write a short story that answers a question left open by one of the poems. You will choose from one of the following below. Once you choose which poem you will be creating a short story for, you will first brainstorm ideas about the setting and characters. From there, you will write a short story that is two pages in length, double spaced. Remember, this is creative, so you come up with the ideas. The rubric is attached.

**Prompts**

1. In “Avarice,” how does the young women acquire eight engagement rings?

2. In “The Good Life,” why does the speaker feel “nostalgic” about the past? What has changed in the speaker’s life? (nostalgic means wanting to be back home – homesick).

3. In “Money,” what has really happened to the thin young boy who claims to be completing a Sales Program?

**Brainstorm**

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| Story Elements | Notes |
| Characters |  |
| Setting |  |
| Conflict and Plot Events |  |

**Grading Rubric For Creative Short Story**

**PURPOSE/AUDIENCE /20**

* You’ve answered one of the prompts.
* Narrative leads reader through a creative story
* The story is clear and compelling.
* You have

**CONVENTION /10**

* Run-on, incomplete, and unclear sentences have been eliminated
* There are no errors in spelling, capitalization, or punctuation
* Dialogue is formatted and punctuated correctly
* Pronoun use is clear
* Verb tense is consistent

**STRUCTURE, FORM**, **AND ORGANIZATION /10**

* Uses logical organization to convey interpretations and reasoning
* Uses paragraph structure in which key ideas are supported by relevant details and examples
* Proper MLA format
* Paper is at least two pages
* Use Times New Roman, 12 pt. font

**TOTAL POINTS /40**