**Creative Writing: Sequel Activity**

A **sequel** is a work of fiction in literature, film and other creative areas that is the continuation of a previously existing story. A defining characteristic of a sequel is that the story has one or more of the same characters as the original story. The action of the sequel, however, takes place at a later time than the original story, and sometimes in a different setting.

Select a short story from this unit (listed below). You will write a full two-page sequel to the story of your choice, using proper MLA format and correct punctuation and grammar. Make sure you explain and develop the *characters*, *setting*, *plot*, *conflict*, and *theme* in your sequel.

**Sequel due: Tuesday, April 15**

**Possible short stories:**

-Machine that Won the War

-If I forget Thee, Oh Earth

-Sound of Thunder

-Secret Life of Walter Mitty

-Gift of the Magi

-One Ordinary Day, with Peanuts

-The Necklace

-The Harvest

-The Return of Odysseus

**Sequel Rubric:**

**Content:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7 Describes characters

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7 Describes setting

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 Explanation of plot

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7 Explanation of conflict

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7 Includes theme (implied, not stated)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/7 Relates to plot/characters of previous story

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5 Creativity and writing style (vary sentence starts, combined sentences, etc.)

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 total content**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5 MLA formatting

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5 Written in 3rd person point of view (no “I” or “you”)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/5 Length (2 full pages)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10 Punctuation, spelling, grammar

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25 grammar and punctuation**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/75 Total Points**