

13 Short Stories for Engaging Secondary Students & Teaching Literary Elements

There are so many wonderful short stories out there, many of which can be used to teach a variety of literary elements and paired with other texts.



- ☐ 1. The Sniper by Liam O'Flaherty
- ☐ 2. The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry
- ☐ 3. The Interlopers by Saki
- ☐ 4. The Lady, or The Tiger? by Frank Stockton
- ☐ 5. American History by Judith Ortiz Cofer
- ☐ 6. Through the Tunnel by Doris Lessing
- ☐ 7. Geraldo No Name by Sandra Cisneros
- ☐ 8. A Sound of Thunder by Ray Bradbury
- ☐ 9. The Scarlet Ibis by James Hurst
- ☐ 10. The Black Cat by Edgar Allan Poe
- ☐ 11. The Stolen Party by Liliana Heker
- ☐ 12. Thank You M'am by Langston Hughes
- ☐ 13. The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell