For this final unit assignment you will be developing two parts: A story, and its presentation.

1. You will be writing a short story that focuses on the theme of **CHILDHOOD**. Your elements necessary for a short story such as your plot, characters, conflict, setting and theme should all be directed towards some aspect of childhood, such as:

* Childhood Innocence (Not knowing that ‘bad’ exists in the world)
* Childhood Discovery (Learning something new)
* Childhood Relationships (With family, friends, adults, etc.)

Your story will be written in well-developed paragraphs that keep the reader interested through the use of character development, description, a conflict and plot events. You *should* use some dialogue within your story.

The story **must**…

* Be written in full and complete paragraphs
* Include the necessary elements of a short story
* Focus on one of the above themes
* Be a minimum of two **full** typed and double-spaced pages at regular size 12 Times New Roman style font
* Be edited for spelling, grammar and content

1. Once your story has been written you will create a way of presenting it:

* Illustrate five events from your story (One from the beginning, three from the middle and one from the end) on full 8.5 x 11 paper. Your illustrations may either be in black and white pencil or full colour. Each illustration will also have a caption explaining what part of the story it is from.

You will be given some time in class to prepare for this assignment though some work will be expected to be completed outside of class. It is recommended that you plan for this story, either through the use of a plot graph or similar outlining technique).

**MARKING**

**Knowledge** Short Story Elements & Techniques / Theme & Content /15

**Application** Written Work / Assignment Objectives /20

**Communication** Spelling & Grammar /15

**TOTAL /50**

**DUE DATE**

Rough Draft (No Illustrations needed for rough draft) **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Final Draft (With Illustrations) **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**