Directions
You will select ONE of the short stories from the list below to read this summer. After reading, you will complete the writing assignment below using what you learned in the text. All assignments will be due to your English 10 teacher by October 7, 2022.

Short Story Options
“Everyday Use” by Alice Walker
A daughter comes home to visit her mother with a new sense of cultural identity. The family argues over who will inherit the family quilts.

“Daughter of Invention” by Julia Alvarez
A girl who has recently moved from the Dominican Republic to America prepares a speech to present in front of her school. She argues with her father about the content of the speech and freedom of expression in America.

“Montreal 1962” by Shauna Singh Baldwin
A Sikh woman who has recently come to Canada with her husband describes their attempt to establish identity in the face of a competing and hostile alien culture.

“A Whole Nation and A People” by Harry Mark Petrakis
A narrator reflects on an event that led him to a greater appreciation of his Greek culture.

Writing Assignment
A theme is a message or moral that is taught through a work of literature. Write a two paragraph response that explains how the author of your short story developed a theme through a character’s actions and/or conflicts. You must use specific textual evidence from the short story to support your response.