


Persuasive Essay

Write a multi-paragraph four page double-spaced essay on **one** of the following short stories: Frank R. Stockton’s “The Lady, or the Tiger?” or Vladimir Nabokov’s “Signs and Symbols”. Make sure that your essay is word-processed, titled and includes your name. Use correct conventions (spelling, capitalization, punctuation) and clear word choice. Maintain effective organization throughout the paper by presenting a logical progression of ideas linked together with transitions between sentences and paragraphs. Support your claims with valid reasoning and relevant quotes from the text.

Choose A Topic:

1. In “The Lady, or the Tiger?” by Frank R. Stockton, the princess had a decision to make. She could let her lover live, but suffer through seeing him with another woman, or, she could let him die a tragic death, but not have to see him in another relationship. What outcome do you think is best supported by the text?
2. In “Signs and Symbols” by Vladimir Nabokov, there are several symbols that serve to indicate that the third call will convey news of the son’s death. Which text symbols best support this interpretation?

			
	Emerging / Developing	Proficient	Extending
Connections		Creates connections between ideas with a broad and clear understanding.	
Evidence		Evaluates evidence to select a wide range of relevant supporting material.	
Writing & Design		Applies writing and design strategies to organize a progression of ideas.	
Grammar & Punctuation		Revises for grammar and punctuation in a thorough and mostly accurate way.	

Self-Assessment:

Teacher-Assessment: