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AIR #2 - Due Date:

Directions: Read the four short reviews below, and choose two stories to read as your AIR #2 project. Closely read and annotate the two stories you choose, and answer the Regents-type questions that follow each story. Be sure to rephrase the questions and write your answers in complete sentences. Your answers will be graded.

Professional Reviews from “GoodReads”

The Last Leaf by O. Henry

Sue and Johnsy are two girlfriends who live together in New York City. When Johnsy becomes sick one winter, she makes up her mind to die when the last leaf falls from the ivy plant growing outside her window. Sue would do anything to help her friend get well, but she is a poor artist. As the winter wind blows and the rain falls, there seems no way to stop the last leaf from falling.

After Twenty Years by O. Henry

Jimmy and Bob are good friends who agree to meet at a certain spot after twenty years. Over the course of their lives, the two have taken very different paths. When they meet again, legendary author O. Henry earns his title as the legendary master of the twist ending.

The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant,

After devoting their energies and income for ten years to replacing a borrowed diamond necklace that they have lost, a woman and her husband learn the value of honesty and hard work. The lesson is a good one, but at what cost?

The Interlopers by Saki

Ulrich von Gradwitz is a wealthy hunter who had relatives who stole a piece of land from the Znaeum family. In the beginning of the story, he is looking for Georg Znaeum so he can kill him. Georg Znaeum is a hunter who had relatives that had a piece of land stolen from them. He is enemies with Ulrich von Gradwitz for no other reason that his ancestors had hated the Gradwitz family. When the two hunters meet one day in the forest, the feud rises to the next level.