

English 12/AP English Literature and Composition
Prep for in-class writing on “The Dead”

Monday and today we have discussed the way Joyce has used various characteristics in order to promote a central theme or tone.

The in-class writing tomorrow will take a passage from “The Dead” and invite you to read it closely and in line with the whole of the text.

Here is a sample prompt:

In the following passage from the short story “The Dead,” James Joyce presents an insight into the _____ . Write a well-organized essay in which you discuss various aspects of _____ that Joyce reveals to the reader. Refer to such techniques as imagery, point of view, motif, diction, and syntax. Situate the passage in the context of the short story in the beginning, and show your mastery of the whole of the story in your conclusion as you discuss the implications of your findings. Because of the pressure to have an excellent introduction and conclusion, you may opt to include only two body paragraphs.