**English 9 Mr. Harris**

**Independent Reading Assignment**

**Gothic Literature**

For this quarter’s independent reading assignment, you will be reading the short story, “The Picture in the House” by H.P Lovecraft. The assignment will be broken up into two parts.

**Part I**

You will read “The Picture in the House” and annotate for how the author creates the mood. To do this, you will have to look closely at the author’s use of language, and how he writes about the setting, characters, and other literary components. Remember that annotations are not just simply underlines or highlights, but also using the margins to write your comments or thoughts. There is really no wrong way to do it except to not do it.

**Annotations to be checked on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Part II**

Once you have completed your annotations, you will be writing a literary analysis of how the author created the mood in the story. First, you must identify what the mood is, and then explain how that mood is established and maintained. Remember, an author uses different techniques to create mood such as foreshadowing, imagery, characterization, word choice, setting, etc. Looking closely at your annotations will help you support your claim with specific and relevant evidence.

**Requirements:**

* **2-3 pages in length (you determine the paragraphs, but that means two FULL pages)**
* **Proper heading and creative title**
* **Double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font**
* **Use of textual evidence (do not choose quotations longer than 4 lines)**
* **Strong introduction that includes title, author, plot summary and claim**
* **Well constructed body paragraphs with specific and relevant evidence**
* **Excellent conclusion that sums up the main points and restates the claim**
* **Great command of formal, academic language.**

**The essay is due via Google Docs on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**