**English 9 Mr. Harris**

**Independent Reading Assignment**

**Short Story**

For this quarter’s independent reading assignment, you will be reading the short story, “Where Are You Going, Where Have You Been?” by Joyce Carol Oates. The assignment will be broken up into two parts.

**Part I**

You will choose whether you want to read the story for plot, character, author’s craft, setting or theme. While reading, you will take notes on the story and answer the in-depth questions for whatever you have chosen to read your story on. (Questions can be found on my website)

**Part II**

You will then write a 1 ½ to 2 page paper about the short story, converting your notes into paragraph form. Your focus should be on producing an informative, well-organized paper. You should NOT be focused on trying to address every question you answered in your notes. (Do not exceed three pages).

**Grading**

* Answers to in-depth questions – 10 points
* Paper – 40 points (rubric to be attached)

**Requirements:**

* **1 ½ to 2 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, at least one direct quote (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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**