Name

Hour

Date: Due Date is Friday, October 23

Type 3 — The Ransom of Red Chief

Requirements:

**You must skip lines when writing. Typed copies must be double-spaced, size 14 font, Times New Roman or Arial font.**

Response must include a clear topic sentence stating your claim.

Response must also include one example from the text AND one example from the film to support your claim.

Explain how your examples support your stated claim

Response must have a clear ending with a final reflection of your stated claim.

PROMPT:

Using both your story notes and film notes, identify a character trait for one of the main characters from the short story “The Ransom of Red Chief.” You must cite evidence from both the short story and the film to support your claim.

**Here is a sample response using setting instead of characters as my focus:**

**SAMPLE:**

In O. Henry’s short story, *The Ransom of Red Chief*, the action takes place in the small town of Summit around the turn of the century. Through character’s dialogue, author’s descriptions, and the language common to this period of history, O. Henry brings to life a small town and its local troublemaker’s kidnapping.

In the opening lines of the text, the narrator identifies they were “down south in Alabama” (Henry 1). He also comments that the name of the town was “called Summit” (Henry 1). The time period is made clear when the author refers to “constables” (Henry 1) and “driving in a buggy” (Henry 1). These are not terms often used in modern day stories, so we can infer that this story took place at an earlier time.

In the film, signs indicating different locations identify the setting as Summit. For example, the “Summit courthouse” and “Summit Saloon” both give an indication that this is the town of Summit. Even the sign for the “Annual Summit Harvest Festival” suggests that this is not only the town of Summit, but the harvest time of year, or fall. The period of history is clear by the use of only dirt roads, Ebenezer Dorset’s old-fashioned car, horses often used for transportation, and the old-fashioned dress like that at the turn of the century.

*The Ransom of Red Chief,* is clearly set in the town of Summit during an earlier historical time. Through character’s dialogue, the author’s descriptions, and the language common to this period of history, O. Henry paints a picture of a typical small town and a silly pair of kidnapper’s attempt at abduction around the turn of the century.