**ENG1DB Short Story Analysis Unit: Examining Literary Elements in Wayson Choy’s “The Jade Peony”**



* Please respond thoughtfully to the following **literary analysis, short answer questions**.
* You must answer in **complete sentences** on a separate sheet of lined paper.
* Also, you are expected to follow a **point/proof/analysis format** when structuring your responses.
* Be thorough and insightful using direct proof from the short story (in the form of quotations) to support all of your assertions (points), and then provide an explanation (analysis) as to ***WHY*** your point and proof are significant to the story.

**Literary Analysis Questions:**

1. Explain **THREE** reasons why the narrator is so fascinated by his grandmother, even referring to her as his “**spiritual playmate**”. Discuss each reason thoughtfully in connection with the story.
2. What do you think the narrator means when he says, “It was the countless hours that I spent with Grandmama that were my **real education**”? Why is this time he spends with her his “real education”? Consider this insightfully.
3. What are **TWO** significant **character traits** that the narrator demonstrates to readers through his own thoughts and/or actions in the short story? Discuss each characteristic critically.
4. Identify and explain **ONE** example of **situational irony** found within the short story.
5. Identify **ONE** central **theme**, and prove that it is developed effectively within the short story.
6. A **simile** is a direct comparison between two unlike things using the words “like” or “as” within the comparison (i.e. Her eyes sparkled like a freshly-polished jewel or His snore was as loud as a freight train barrelling through a tunnel at full speed). Identify **THREE** *different* similes within the short story and discuss the **PURPOSE** and **EFFECT** of each example.