

***** **It is vital that you carefully read the notes to this story. If you don't know who Parnell is, the story will be meaningless.** *****

Central to an understanding of Ivy Day In The Committee Room is the discussion about Edward VII's upcoming visit to Ireland. What is the irony Joyce is trying to expose with regard to this discussion, and who is the most hypocritical of the characters? Use quotes from the stories to back up your points.

Utilize the following plan:

In the first paragraph, introduce the story and set it within the overall context of Dubliners. Introduce the themes you see continuing from the earlier parts of the book, highlighting those you will discuss in this essay. Be sure to provide a clear THESIS STATEMENT.

* In the second paragraph, discuss the debate over Edward VII's visit. What are the differing points of view about this visit, and how do they illuminate the background discussion about Ireland and Parnell? Go into detail and provide specific examples and quotes. Provide parenthetical notes to back up your examples. Be sure to end the paragraph by summarizing its main point.

* In the third paragraph, explain who you think is the most hypocritical of the characters in the story. (You have a lot of choices.) Provide quotes and reasons to support your point of view. Be sure to end the paragraph by summarizing its main point.

* Summarize your conclusions about Joyce's purpose in what he thought was the most important story in the collection. What is this story's overall view of Ireland and Irish politics, and how does this story relate to the overall themes of Dubliners?

Don't just give me opinions. Prove your opinions with evidence. Be sure that all paragraphs contain an absolute minimum of six sentences.

Due: Thursday, May 11

There is a creative alternative to this essay in a separate document on the google sites. Whichever you choose, it is due on May 11. If you do the alternative assignment, you still must read this crucial story carefully.

The revision must be thoroughly done and handed in with the draft by Tuesday, May 22

DO NOT USE ANY OUTSIDE SOURCES EXCEPT FOR THE INFORMATION I GIVE YOU. I will explain a lot about Parnell to you, and you want to look at the notes I gave you for Ivy Day.