

### **Short Story Essay**

**Based on the following stories: “The Painted Door”, “The Sound of the Hollyhocks”, “The Sniper”, “Fall of a City”, “Paw-qwin-mit and Ko-ishin-mit”, “Gentlemen, Your Verdict”.**

1. Compare and/or contrast John and Steven’s personalities in “The Painted Door”.
2. Discuss the influence of the setting on the characters’ lives in “The Painted Door”.
3. Contrast Paw-qwin-mit and Ko-ishin-mit’s characters.
4. Discuss the psychological impact that the settings and conflicts have on the characters. (Choose from the following stories: “Fall of a City”, “The Sound of the Hollyhocks”, “The Painted Door”, “The Sniper”).
5. Discuss how the author builds suspense in one of the stories studied.
6. Many of the stories studied explore the theme: all actions have consequences. Discuss.