

**DIRECTIONS:** You must choose any **four** of the short stories below to read and respond to. For two of the stories you choose you will create a written response, and for the other two you will create a summary. If you read a short story and it doesn't really "click" for you, choose another from the list. When you are done, Use the checklists on the pages which follow, attach them to your work and hand in for feedback from your teacher.

**Short Story Choices**

1. The Bicycle, *Jillian Horton*, p.32
2. Borders, *Thomas King*, p.79
3. A Secret Lost in the Water, *Roch Carrier*, p.104
4. Long Walk to Forever, *Kurt Vonnegut*, p.143
5. The Possibility of Evil, *Shirley Jackson*, p.249
6. To Everything There is a Season, *Alistair MacLeod*, p.300
7. Never Cry Wolf, *Farley Mowat*, p.321
8. Lather and Nothing Else, *Hernando Téllez*, p.342
9. Earthquake, *Jack Hodgins*, p.350
10. The Tunnel, *Sarah Ellis*, p.369

Name:

Story:

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- 5. Did I comment on the author's writing style?
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