

## Week 5 Homework

- A. Read “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” a short story by James Thurber. Here’s the link, or you can use the link on my website.  
<https://www.sphstigers.org/ourpages/users/jasher/SSBootCampWebsite/SecretLifeWalterMitty.pdf>
- B. Read a short biography online of James Thurber and answer the following questions:
1. When did he live?
  2. a) Where was he born?  
b) Where did he die?
  3. What is one very interesting thing you learned about the author?
  4. What is something funny he said?
- C. Answer the following questions:
- 1) a. What kind of character is Walter Mitty?  
b. Is he flat or round? Give examples.  
c. Is he dynamic or static? Give examples.
  - 2) What kind of character is Mrs. Mitty?  
b. Is she flat or round? Give examples.  
c. Is she dynamic or static or a stereotype? Give examples.
  - 3) Is there a foil in the story? Who? Give examples.
  - 4) Analyze the speech, actions, and thoughts of Walter Mitty and Mrs. Mitty. From what you learn, why does he behave the way he does?
- D. Learn these vocabulary words so you can use them in homework and essays:
- Protagonist—main character in literature  
Antagonist— the character who stands in opposition to the protagonist  
Foil— provides a contrast to another character and whose purpose is to develop or point out specific traits of the main character  
Dynamic—characters who change over time  
Static—characters who do not change over time  
Round—character with a complex personality, usually conflicted  
Flat—character known for one personality trait or characteristic  
Stereotype—types who are used repeatedly in stories to fill the space
- E. Vocabulary Words
- Craven—cowardly  
Derisive—expressing contempt or ridicule  
Inscrutable—impossible to understand or interpret  
Tertiary—third in order or level  
Tousle—dishevel
- F. Start reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.