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Unit 1: Narrative Elements

“The Princess and the Tin Box” by James Thurber
adapted from Holt McDougal Literature: Grade 9

A **parody** is an imitation of a specific type of literature used to poke fun at something. In writing a parody, an author makes use of these techniques:

- word choice that imitates the particular type of literature
- exaggeration of characters or situations for comic effect
- irony or plot twists in which things happen very differently from what would normally be expected

Directions: Re-read lines 42-58 of “The Princess and the Tin Box” to review the ending of the story and Thurber’s dry wit. Then, consider the following questions:

1. What would’ve happened if the princess had made a different choice?
2. How else could this story have ended?

In one or two paragraphs, imagine an alternative ending to the story and create a new moral to go with it. Try to mimic Thurber’s dry, comic style. Like Thurber’s story, your ending should be ironic!

Before turning in your story, ask yourself:

1. Does my response convey what the princess’s new choice is and why she made it?
2. Is my response humorous?
3. Does my response include a moral?

You may use the space below to brainstorm, but your work must be completed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this assignment sheet to be considered for grading.