**ELA A10**

**Ms. McLeod**

**Challenges**

***The Sniper***

**A Short Story written by**

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*In the 1920’s civil war broke out in Ireland. The question was whether the country should be a Free State within the British Commonwealth or a completely independent nation. Families were divided, and friend was set against friend. Property was destroyed and blood was shed. The Sniper is set in these dark and troubled times. To the solitary sniper on the rooftop it was all a game until…*

**After reading the story complete the following questions:**

1. List two adjectives that describe the protagonist (main character)?
2. Describe the setting: time, place, mood.
3. What is happening as the story begins? (introduction or exposition)
4. What is the conflict of the story?

External-

Internal-

1. What is the climax of the story?
2. Writer’s Craft-Identify an example of the following:

* simile
* onomatopoeia
* metaphor
* personification
* irony

1. The sniper’s reaction after his victory showed the kinds of psychological effects war can have on a person. Describe his reaction.
2. What challenges do soldiers face?
3. What is the author’s ‘big idea’?