

Students are to read The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood.

In a well written paper of 2-3 pages, address the following question/topic:

- **How does setting a fictional novel in a historical period and making factual references to historical events add to the plot of the novel? Provide details from the novel to support your response.**

Paper Guidelines:

- 2-3 pages—no more than 3 pages
- Typed
- Double-spaced
- 12 Times New Roman font
- 1” margins
- Traditional introduction, conclusion, and thesis

You must also include a two paragraph response to the question below. Your response should include at least one direct quotation from the novel.

- **What role does fate play in the characters’ lives in the story? How do the characters themselves feel about fate’s role in their lives?**

Also, for each of the attached vocabulary words, write a complete sentence that shows the meaning of the word. In other words, all sentences must contain context clues.

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<b>Vocabulary Word</b>	<b>Parts of Speech</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Accost	verb	to confront or speak to boldly or aggressively, as with demand or request
apothecary	noun	a druggist or pharmacist
Beckon	verb	to signal or summon or direct by the gesture of the hand or head
Choleric	adjective	extremely irritable or easily angered
Clamoring	verb	to make a loud sustained noise or outcry
Concocted	verb	to prepare by mixing; to devise, using skill and intelligence
countenance	noun	appearance, especially the look or expression of the face
Daft	adjective	senseless, foolish or stupid
Daunting	adjective	to discourage through fear
Deft	adjective	skillful, dexterous, clever
disreputable	adjective	having a bad reputation; dishonorable or discreditable
emphatically	adverb	to approach and speak to boldly and aggressively
grudgingly	adverb	displaying or reflecting reluctance or unwillingness
Haste	noun	swift of motion; unnecessarily quick action; thoughtlessly in a hurry or rush
indignantly	adverb	feeling characterized by or expressing strong displeasure at something considered unjust, offensive or insulting
interminable	adjective	incapable of being terminated; without end

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maiden	noun	a girl or unmarried woman
Mere	adjective	being nothing more nor better than something
merriment	noun	cheerful or joyful playfulness
peevishly	adverb	acting in an annoying or irritating manner
pell-mell	adverb	confused or jumbled mass or crowd
pensive	adjective	dreamily or wistfully thoughtful, usually marked by sadness
prodigious	adjective	extraordinary in size, amount, extent, degree or force
prudent	adjective	cautious, discreet; sensible
resolutely	adverb	actions characterized by firmness and determination; set in purpose or opinion
riveting	verb	to firmly hold the attention of
sinister	adjective	threatening or foreshadowing evil, harm or trouble; wicked
thrashing	verb	a flogging or whipping; a severe; to move about violently
wayward	adjective	following one's own inclinations and desires; unpredictable in an irresponsible way
vicinity	noun	the area or region near or about a place; state or fact of being near