**Homework questions for “Good Country People”**

**Read these instructions carefully. Provide a 250-300 word response to one the following. Students should answer the question number that corresponds to their class period. For example, 1st period will answer question 1, 2nd period will answer question 2, 4th period will answer question 4, and 6th period will answer question 6.**

1. Although grotesque, the story is very humorous. Provide examples of humor and explain what comic devices or techniques are used to create humor.
2. Joy-Hulga is flawed by pride. Examine how that pride is developed and how it is destroyed. How is she changed by her experience with Manley Pointer?
3. ~~What is the purpose of the first paragraph of the story? The last paragraph?~~
4. Examine the names of the characters. How do they help with characterization? What other functions do they have in the story?
5. ~~How does the seductress become the seduced in this story?~~
6. Blindness, both literal and figurative, is at work in the story. Identify those who are blind. How are they blind and what is the outcome of their blindness? (Notice the eyes of the characters.)
7. ~~Many lies are told. What are some and how do they contribute to the meaning of the story?~~
8. ~~“Good Country People” is full of irony. Identify at least three situational ironies and explain how each contributes to the meaning of the story.~~
9. ~~Find examples of foreshadowing and explain how each contributes to the plot, humor, or meaning of the story.~~
10. ~~Annotate the following passage carefully. Identify the dominant mood of the passage. Identify specific dialogue, detail, diction, and imagery that contributes to this mood.~~

~~Beginning: “The boy’s astonished eyes looked blankly through the ends of her hair.”~~

~~Ending: “When she turned her churning face toward the opening, she saw his blue figure struggling successfully over the green speckled lake.”~~