# Short Stories List Two

# Toni Cade Bambara

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“**The War of the Wall”**

# Neighborhood kids are wary of a muralist who has been hired to paint a wall on their street.

# Stephen Vincent Benet

“**The Devil and Daniel Webster”**

Senator Daniel Webster is called upon to save Jabez Stone, who has sold his soul to the devil.

# Ambrose Bierce

# Also wrote *The Devil’s Dictionary*.Went to Mexico to fight Pancho Villa in 1914 and disappeared.

# “An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge”

During the Civil War, Farquar, a Southerner, is hanged on the bridge he has tried to blow up. The rope

breaks; Farquar falls into the water, escapes, and goes back to his plantation. EARLY science fiction !!!!!!

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### Guy deMaupassant

# “The Necklace”

A lady borrows a necklace from a rich friend, loses it, and goes broke trying to pay for it.

### Edward Everrett Hale

# “The Man Without a Country”

During his trial for treason, Phillip Nolan, wishes aloud he’d never hear of the U.S. again. The judge grants his wish. Nolan finally dies, heartbroken, “a man without a country.” *Published during the Civil War to stir patriotism.*

###### **Joel Chandler Harris**

Georgian ; known for tales of Uncle Remus and Bre’r Rabbit, subjects of the Disney film *Song of the South*

## Nathaniel Hawthorne

Volumes of his short stories include *Twice Told Tales.*

**“The Minister’s Black Veil” “Rappacini’s Daughter”**

**“Dr. Heidegger’s Experiment”**

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**“Young Goodman Brown”**

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### Ernest Hemingway

# “The Snows of Kilimanjaro”

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**“Hills Like White Elephants”**

Coversation between a man and a woman as they wait for a train in Spain.

# “A Day’s Wait”

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**“The Short Happy of Life of Francis Macomber”**

Story of an American couple on their English guide on an African safari.

### Franz Kafka

**“The Trial”**

A man is tried for a crime he knows nothing about, yet for which he feels guilt.

**“Metamorphosis”**

A guy wakes up to find that he’s turned into a bug. No, I don’t know why. Don’t ask.

# “A Hunger Artist”

A man makes money by starving himself as a sideshow attraction.

# Daniel Keyes

# “Flowers for Algernon”

Mentally handicapped Charley Gordon is given an operation that makes him a genius. Algernon is a mouse.

## John Steinbeck

**“The Pearl”**

When poor fisherman Kino finds a giant pearl, it unexpectedly ruins his life.

# “The Red Pony”

Jody is given a pony, and Billy Buck helps him train it.

# “The Crysanthemums”

### Frank Stockton

# “The Lady or the Tiger?”

A young commoner in love with a princess is punished by the king in an unusual way.

**Jesse Stuart**

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