**Monkey’s Paw Writing Assignment**

***Directions***: Create and SHARE a Google Doc. Name it “Monkey’s Paw” and type that title at the top. Type your name and class period at the top. Leave everything at default settings (margins, font, etc.). This assignment is due, **PRINTED**, next class period.

1. Re-read the following excerpt from “The Monkey’s Paw.”  When the well-dressed stranger appears at the White’s home, what foreshadowing clues hint that the message that he brings will not be a positive one? Explain your answer in a brief paragraph, using short direct quotations from the passage to support your answer.

1. Write a separate paragraph—also citing textual evidence—that answers the following questions. When the stranger arrives, what clues can the reader use to make an inference that Mrs. White believes he is rich? What inference can the reader make about why Mrs. White believes the stranger has come?

**Excerpt from “The Monkey’s Paw,”** by W.W. Jacobs

His wife made no reply. She was watching the mysterious movements of a man outside, who, peering in an undecided fashion at the house, appeared to be trying to make up his mind to enter. In mental connection with the two hundred pounds, she noticed that the stranger was well dressed, and wore a silk hat of glossy newness. Three times he paused at the gate, and then walked on again. The fourth time he stood with his hand upon it, and then with sudden resolution flung it open and walked up the path. Mrs. White at the same moment placed her hands behind her, and hurriedly unfastening the strings of her apron, put that useful article of apparel beneath the cushion of her chair.

She brought the stranger, who seemed ill at ease, into the room. He gazed at her furtively, and listened in a preoccupied fashion as the old lady apologized for the appearance of the room, and her husband's coat, a garment which he usually reserved for the garden. She then waited as patiently as her sex would permit for him to broach his business, but he was at first strangely silent.