

**English as a Second Language Program
Summer Reading 2017**

Required Reading

All students who have been placed into the ESL program must read the short story, “The Stout Gentleman” by Washington Irving. Please click on the link to reach this story online.

http://www.englishlibrary.org/stories_stoutgentleman.html

This story will form the basis of the first days of class and the first graded work. Please make sure that you understand the story thoroughly.

HOW TO READ THE STORY

The Lawrence Academy ESL department recommends that you read the story twice. Please print out the story first. During the **FIRST READ**, you will seek to understand the plot and characters and should underline any words you do not know. For the **SECOND READ**, you should read more thoroughly and thoughtfully, looking up definitions *in English* of the words you underlined and writing them on notebook paper. Your definition of a word should be the one best suited within the context of the story.

During the second read, you may take **ACTIVE READING NOTES** in the page margins. Active reading notes include observations about characters, events, symbols, language; questions that arise during your reading - comments that relate any aspect of the story with your own life or with contemporary issues (the world outside the book).