

Writing Prompts

The Use of Force:

- Discuss the role of shame, power, and/or violence in this short story
- Write a letter to the parents as if you were the doctor, reflecting back on how things went, and how you might have changed your approach.
- Write a letter to the doctor as one of the parents discussing your reflections of the encounter.
- Discuss the role of pain or suffering on the road to healing.
- Write an epilogue to this short story. What happens to the girl, the doctor, the parents, the town as a result of this interaction? Does the doctor change his practice, and if so- why?

A Lovely Family:

- What tools would a physician use to see the “loveliness” in every family and how could the physician communicate this perceived “loveliness” to others on the health care team?
- Describe a time when you labeled a family as “difficult” or “angry” and how did it impact their care? How did you overcome these barriers to deliver equitable care or did you?
- Write a letter from the point of view of a family who has been misunderstood or mislabeled by a health care team discussing their point of view