“Handout: Foreshadowing”

**What is Foreshadowing?**
Foreshadowing is the literary technique that offers the reader information which might lead them to draw conclusions about a future event.

**The Uses of Foreshadowing**
Often in the course of introducing a character, a writer will foreshadow something that will happen later in the story. For example, Superman’s fatal flaw involves Kryptonite. A frequent conflict entails Superman being trapped with Kryptonite nearby.

**Evidence of Foreshadowing**
For the next few weeks as you read, watch TV or movies, pay particular attention to how and why the authors use foreshadowing. Be prepared to share at least two examples.

**Incorporating Foreshadowing into Narrative Writing Assignment**
As you work with the “Worksheet: Plot Graphic Organizer” and draft the story, plan how you might use foreshadowing. Some writers introduce a fatal flaw in a character and that flaw foreshadows the ways in which the conflict develops later in the story.