Interpreter of Maladies Final Assessment: Become a Literary Doctor
Interpret the Characters’ Maladies and Lahiri’s craft

For your final project on Jhumpa Lahiri’s book of short stories, YOU are the Interpreter of Maladies. Your assignment:

Select 4 stories. For each:

1. Diagnose the malady in the story.
   (One or two concise sentences)

2. Summarize the story & symptoms of concern
   (1/2 page – include at least one direct quotation)
   a. Make sure you use quotations from the story in your summary.
   b. Point to specific symptoms that are caused by the malady.

3. Identify Lahiri’s Techniques (1/2 page or more)
   a. Look at one rhetorical technique and explain how she develops that technique. For example, explain the power metaphor in A Temporary Matter.
   b. Then, look at how that rhetorical technique contributes to the malady in the story.

4. Recommend a course of action for the characters in the story.
   This should cure the malady and/or make it go away.
   (2-3 concise sentences)

5. Recall a similar story / personal connection (1/2 page)

6. Optional / EC: Include a piece of art or original picture that you think is somehow related to this story and explain the art and its connection to the story

Final Analysis should be typed and in 12 pt font.
Please share on my website on the first workday.

Assignment Value: 100 points

Due Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 by 11:59p
A Temporary Matter

Diagnosis
[What metaphorical ‘illness’ or ‘malady’ is the character(s) struggling with? Explain.]

Summary of Story and symptoms of concern:
[Summarize plot & include details that are symptoms/examples of the characters’ issues and problems. Include 1 direct quotation.]

The Techniques:
[Which of Lahiri’s techniques provide clues and evidence that emphasize this malady? Include 1 direct quotation.]

Recommended Course of Action
[What should the characters do to remedy their situation?]

A Similar Story:
[When have you observed a similar situation – a metaphorical malady & potential recovery? Describe the situation and what happened. Connect to the story.]

Piece of Art/Original Photo and explanation (Optional)
[Find and/or create art to represent the story and explain]