**So…What came out of the door?**

Purpose: Argue Literature: Lady or the Tiger

Objective: One paragraph in argumentative form

Form:

 Topic Sentence – Shows the topic and your opinion without saying I

 Evidence – most likely a quote from the text

 Explanation

 Counterpoint

 Explanation/rebuttal

 Link

Frank Stockton’s use of ambiguity forces readers to construct a resolution for “Lady or the Tiger”, and through the analysis of his diction and connotation the superficially vague ending suggests the man was sent to his death. The princess, with knowledge and power to dictate her lover’s fate, was described as “semi-barbaric”. Barbarism is a tendency to be cruel and her decision was described as “depend(ing)…upon that hot-blooded, semi-barbaric princess”. The argument arises that the princess is only half barbaric. Since Stockton chose to highlight that the verdict was decided by the side of the princess that was savage, however, the man was sent to the tiger.

