**English 10 Name:**

**Mr. Fisher**

**“The Piece of String” Study Guide**

*Please answer the following questions in* ***complete sentences****.**If I feel the answers make no sense, I reserve the right to deny credit. Otherwise, a “check” equals a 10/10, a “check plus” equals a 12/10, and a “check minus” equals a 6/10. Skipped questions will lead to an automatic “check minus,” so I strongly encourage you to try to answer them all!*

1. Why do you think the narrator expends so much description in such a brief text upon the manners and habits of the peasants in the story?
2. What part, if any, do you think Maitre Hauchecome plays in bringing about his own downfall? Why?
3. If Hauchecome had not so insistently protested his innocents, how might this story have been different?
4. Guy de Maupassant once wrote that “life is merciless…full of inexplicable, illogical, and contradictory catastrophes.” How does this story support de Maupassant’s views on life? Do you share these views? Why or why not?