

Short Story Rubric

Content

- _____ Title is effective; it hints at the subject but acts as more than a label
- _____ Story has a beginning that gets the reader's attention and makes him/her want to read more
- _____ The setting is established early in the story and is essential to the story
- _____ Characters are well-developed and have realistic, complex problems
- _____ Dialogue is meaningful; it is used to move the plot along and/or tell the reader something about a character
- _____ The plot identifies a conflict/problem that the main character faces
- _____ The purpose of the story is clear; the plot and characters communicate a theme
- _____ The ending is effective; it is clear how the main conflict will be solved

Mechanics

- _____ Spelling is flawless
- _____ Capitalization and punctuation rules are followed
- _____ Verb tense is consistent
- _____ Word choice is appropriate and effective