

SHORT STORY WRITING RUBRIC

<b>IDEAS/CONTENT</b>	I used a planning sheet to brainstorm my ideas for writing, including a web, list, or other graphic organizer. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I have a central idea/topic for my writing which is stated throughout the draft. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	Each story element is clear, detailed, and easy to understand. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	I have an introductory paragraph that includes a “hook” sentence, an introduction of the characters, and the setting. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I have paragraphs in the body that details the conflict, the events of the rising action, conflict, and falling action events. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I have a conclusion paragraph that details how the conflict is resolved and has a clear “punchline” sentences. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>WORD CHOICE</b>	I used a variety of different adverbs, verbs, and adjectives that are descriptive and not overused. I used a variety of different Quack Words. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I did not use any slang words or “text” speak, and did not abbreviate words unless they are proper nouns. For example: Because vs. ‘cause. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I did not overuse pronouns and made sure to restate the noun when transitioning to another idea or statement. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>SENTENCE FLUENCY</b>	All of my sentences include a subject (noun) and predicate (verb + rest of the sentence). <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	I used a variety of different sentence lengths, including simple, compound, and complex. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	All of my compound and complex sentences are punctuated correctly. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>VOICE</b>	My word choices, while appropriate for a formal paper, are words I know how to use properly and in everyday speech (like using Quack Words.) <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	When read out loud to someone I know, they tell me that my writing sounds “natural” as if I’m speaking to them. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	My writing does not sound awkward when read out loud; it sounds natural and is easy to read without having to pause or correct myself. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>CONVENTIONS</b>	Each sentence is capitalized at the beginning and all proper nouns are capitalized. The pronoun “I” is capitalized. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	Each sentence is properly punctuated at the end. Commas, semicolons, colons, quotation marks, and apostrophes are used when needed and placed correctly. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	Each word is spelled correctly. Proper grammar is used, including consistent past/present/future tense. The right forms are used in the correct context. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	All of my paragraphs are indented and clearly separate from each other using no more than 1 space between them. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	My writing is written neatly and clearly, while my typed final draft uses the correct font and font size. <b>Yes (+5 points) No (0 points)</b>	My writing has a title, which is either included in the heading or on a separate title page that also includes my name and class period. <b>Yes _____ No _____</b>
<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>			

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