

Creative Short Story Rubric and Requirements

Rubric (requirements for paper):

Criteria	4	3	2	1
<i>Opening paragraph gets reader's attention without giving away the desire of the story.</i>	Captures reader's attention from the first paragraph without giving away too much	Gets reader's attention in first paragraph, but hints too much the desire of the story.	Lacks tension to necessary to capture reader's attention and gives away the desire of the story.	Has no creative tension to capture the reader and states the desire of the story.
<i>Writing is creative and original with an interesting story showing a desire and conflict of the main character.</i>	Used creative and original ideas to create an interesting and unique story. Showed a clear desire involving conflict on reaching that desire.	Had some creative and original ideas with the start of an interesting story. Had a desire with some conflict reaching the desire	Had little creative ideas in the story. Unclear desire and little conflict to make an interesting story.	Very little to no creative or original ideas. No real desire with very little to no conflict within the story.
<i>Descriptive word choice and colorful, clear dialogue. Clear and understandable writing through out the story.</i>	Writer showed strong vocabulary by using description in their writing and word choice. Dialogue is stated clearly to who is talking to whom. Story is clear and easy to read.	Some strong vocabulary showing description through word choice. Dialogue is a little difficult to understand. Story is easy to read with some confusing areas.	Not a very strong use of vocabulary words. Tells description rather than showing it. Dialogue is confusing to the reader. Story is a little difficult to understand.	Little to no strength in vocabulary. Little to no description in writing. Story is very confusing.
<i>Correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation usage. Shows complete sentences in description and dialogue.</i>	Little or no spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors.	5-7 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.	8-10 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.	11+ spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. Dialogue is very confusing
<i>Creates a mood, has a theme, uses foreshadowing, irony or suspense.</i>	<i>Does all three</i>	<i>Does only two</i>	<i>Does only one</i>	<i>Doesn't do any</i>