Story Writing Rubric

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|  | **Focus on Assigned Topic** | **Organization** | **Spelling and Punctuation** | **Problem/Conflict** | **Solution/Resolution** |
| **4 Points** | The entire story is related to the assigned topic and helps the reader learn a significant amount about the topic. | The story is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions. | There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. Ensure that character and place names that the author invented are spelled consistently throughout. | It is easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem. | The solution to the characters’ problem is easy to understand and is logical. There are no loose ends. |
| **3 Points** | Most of the story is related to the assigned topic. The story wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic. | The story is fairly well organized, but one idea or scene might be out of place. Clear transitions are used. | There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft. | It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem. | The solution to the characters’ problem is easy to understand and is somewhat logical. |
| **2 Points** | Some of the story is related to the assigned topic, but the reader does not learn much about the topic. | The story is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes unclear. | There are 2-3 spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. | It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face, but it is not clear why it is a problem. | The solution to the characters’ problem is a little hard to understand. |
| **1 Point** | No attempt is made to relate the story to the assigned topic. | Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged. | The final draft has more than 3 spelling or punctuation errors. | It is not clear what problem the main characters face. | No solution is attempted, or it is impossible to understand. |
| **Points Awarded** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Submitted on time? | | * Yes (5 Points) | * No (0 Points) |  |  |
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