

STORY WRITING RUBRIC

	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. 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)

Total Points _____