

# Short Story Rubric

## Content – 80%

- \_\_\_\_\_ Title is effective; it hints at the subject but acts as more than a label. Must be centered and **no larger** than 12pt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story has a beginning/exposition 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 realistic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dialogue is meaningful and makes sense; 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/resolution is effective; it is clear how the main conflict will be solved.

## Mechanics – 20%

- \_\_\_\_\_ Spelling is excellent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capitalization and punctuation rules are followed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Story is at least 3 pages. (Slightly longer if there is a lot of dialogue.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Font is 12pt/Ariel~ 1.5 spacing.

**Total points= 40**