

## CREATIVE WRITING – SHORT STORY

(Check Category)

Elementary (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Junior High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

FACTORS EVALUATED	COMMENTS	POINTS
<p><b>Creativity</b></p> <p>1. Appeal: Author demonstrates originality. Story sustains reader interest for its intended audience.</p> <p>2. Details: Descriptions contribute to the reader’s enjoyment.</p> <p>3. Style: Elements enhance the story. May include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Word choice</li> <li>b. Figurative language</li> <li>c. Tone</li> <li>d. Voice</li> </ul> <p>4. Theme/Purpose: Author’s message or intent is effectively obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(45 points possible)</p>		(45 pts)
<p><b>Content/Development</b></p> <p>Elements support the theme/purpose and contribute to a unified whole. May include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Setting/Mood</li> <li>2. Characterization</li> <li>3. Dialogue (if any)</li> <li>4. Plot/Conflict – May include but not limited to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Engaging beginning</li> <li>b. Introduction of conflict</li> <li>c. Rising action</li> <li>d. Climax</li> <li>e. Falling action</li> <li>f. Resolution</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Organization</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(45 points possible)</p>		(45 pts)
<p><b>Writing Mechanics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meets or exceeds grade level.</li> <li>2. Errors are minimal and do not confuse the reader.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(10 points possible)</p>		(10 pts)

**STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY**

Total (100 possible points) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this project is my own original and authentic work and that I received no help in completing this project other than general instruction and supervision.

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Student’s Signature

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Judge’s Signature