

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Title (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Words (required) \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF ORIGINALITY: 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. \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature (required)

FACTORS EVALUATED	POINTS	COMMENTS
<b>Creativity</b>		
1. Appeal: Author demonstrates originality. Story sustains reader interest for its intended audience.		
2. Details: Descriptions contribute to the reader's enjoyment.		
3. Style: Elements enhance the story. May include but not limited to: word choice, figurative language, tone, voice.		
4. Theme/Purpose: Author's message or intent is effectively obtained.		
<b>Content/Development</b> Elements support theme/purpose, contribute to a unified whole, and follow Phil. 4:8 guidelines. May include but not limited to:		
1. Setting/Mood		
2. Characterization and Dialogue (if any)		
3. Plot/Conflict – May include but not limited to: engaging beginning, Introduction of conflict, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution.		
4. Organization		
<b>Writing Mechanics</b>		
1. Meets or exceeds grade level. 2. Errors are minimal and do not confuse the reader.		

**Points**

- 1 = Poor
- 2 = Fair/Average
- 3 = Good/Above Average
- 4 = Excellent
- 5 = Superior

Total (45 possible points) \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge's Signature