

## Young Writers Contest Rubric

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Excellent 5</b>	<b>Satisfactory 3</b>	<b>Needs Improvement 1</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Plot</b>	The "what " and "why" of the story are fully developed. Conflict or tension is evident.	One of the plot elements is fully developed but the other is not. A moderate amount of tension or conflict is evident.	Plot elements are not fully developed. No conflict or tension is evident.	
<b>Setting</b>	The "when" and "where" of the story are fully developed.	One of the setting elements is fully developed but the other is not.	Setting elements are not fully developed.	
<b>Characters</b>	Main characters are well rounded and believable.	Main characters are realistic.	Characters are not developed.	
<b>Style</b>	Writing is clear. Precise, descriptive words are used. The story fully engages the reader.	Writing shows evidence of clarity and careful choices of descriptive words. The story engages the reader.	Writing lacks clarity. Descriptive words are unimaginative. The story does not fully engage the reader.	
<b>Creativity</b>	Ideas are fresh and original.	Ideas appear to be the original work of the writer.	Ideas appear to be borrowed from other sources.	
<b>Mechanics</b>	Correct punctuation, grammar, usage, and spelling are used.	Correct punctuation, grammar, usage, and spelling are mostly used.	Mistakes appear in punctuation, grammar, usage, and/or spelling.	
<b>Requirements</b>	Entry meets all stated requirements, including deadline and format.	Entry meets all but one of the stated requirements.	Entry fails to meet stated requirements.	

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