**Assessment Rubric**: Stories

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| Name: |  | Date: |  |

Rate your story from 1 (incomplete) to 6 (amazing) for each trait below. Add the scores together and divide by the number of traits (6) to find your average score.

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|  | **STIMULATING IDEAS** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** contains an entertaining or engaging plot.
* brings the action alive with dialogue and details.
* develops interesting characters.
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|  | **LOGICAL ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** develops logically as the characters’ words and actions move events along.
* builds to a climax that changes the main character.
* comes to a natural, satisfying, or surprising close.
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|  | **ENGAGING VOICE** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** uses language that holds the reader’s interest.
* contains realistic and engaging dialogue.
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|  | **ORIGINAL WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** contains specific verbs and nouns.
* uses vivid sensory details.
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|  | **EFFECTIVE SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
* includes sentences of varied lengths and beginnings.
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|  | **CORRECT, ACCURATE COPY** |
|  | ***The story . . .**** follows the basic rules of grammar.
* meets the required short-story guidelines.
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