Story Assessment Rubric

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Use the following checklist to evaluate your work or that of a classmate for the traits of effective writing.

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|  | **Stimulating IDEAS** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** contains an entertaining or engaging plot.
* brings the action alive with dialogue and details.
* develops interesting characters.
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|  | **Logical ORGANIZATION** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** develops logically as the characters’ words and actions move things 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 writing . . .**** uses language that holds the reader’s interest.
* contains realistic and engaging dialogue.
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|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** contains specific verbs and nouns.
* uses vivid sensory details.
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|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** flows smoothly from one idea to the next.
* includes sentences of varied lengths and beginnings.
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|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .**** follows the basic rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
* meets the required short-story guidelines.
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