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. |
|  | **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. |
|  | **Engaging VOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * uses language that holds the reader’s interest. * contains realistic and engaging dialogue. |
|  | **Original WORD CHOICE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * contains specific verbs and nouns. * uses vivid sensory details. |
|  | **Effective SENTENCE STYLE** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * flows smoothly from one idea to the next. * includes sentences of varied lengths and beginnings. |
|  | **Correct, Accurate COPY** |
|  | ***The writing . . .***   * follows the basic rules of grammar, spelling, and punctuation. * meets the required short-story guidelines. |