

# Short Story Evaluation Rubric

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Cate- gory	Grade	District #	Student #
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Dear Yahara River Writer,

All authors develop their skills through practice. Those skills grow ever more quickly when an author shares his or her work. Part of this sharing is the opportunity to learn about the things that can be improved. We hope this rubric will help you to be the best author you can be. Thank you for your entry!

Yahara River Writer Judges

## Required Formatting Element

- Maximum of 850 words

<b>STORIES</b>	<b>Basic/Minimal</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Advanced</b>
<b>1</b> <b>Ideas</b>	1                      2 Lacks a clear topic. Some use of personal experiences. Some consideration of audience.	3                      4 Focuses on a clear topic with some original ideas. Writes with purpose.	5                      6 Fresh and original ideas which appeal to a variety of audiences. Focus on topic with carefully organized relevant details.
<b>2</b> <b>Sentence structure</b>	1                      2 Many simple sentences. Sentences may begin in several ways but lack variety in structure.	3                      4 Varies sentence structure. Experiments with complex sentences.	5                      6 Uses complex sentences and varies structure naturally. Shows flexibility and originality.
<b>3</b> <b>Use of language</b>	1                      2 Lacks use of descriptive language to enhance and clarify ideas.	3                      4 Contains some descriptive vocabulary. Contains figurative language that clarifies ideas.	5                      6 Vivid word choice, variety, figurative language. Expresses emotion regarding subject.
<b>4</b> <b>Organization</b>	1                      2 Lacks organization, not always logical. May lack a beginning, middle, or end.	3                      4 Connects paragraphs in logical sequence with transitions. Allows for easy reading.	5                      6 Write cohesively and in depth with evidence of author's voice and theme. Use of literary devices.
<b>5</b> <b>Editing</b>	1                      2 Contains distracting errors in spelling, grammar, and/or mechanics.	3                      4 Contains limited errors in grammar and mechanics. No spelling errors.	5                      6 Spelling, grammar, and mechanics are clear and accurate.

**Comments:**