

Directions: *You are to write your own short story. Your story should be at least 3-4 pages in length. Be sure to refer to your notes when writing your story (including the major components of a short story). Below are some possible settings and characters for you to use.*

Possible Settings:

- A campground
- The movie theatre
- A forest (day or night)
- A big city
- A small town
- On a cruise ship
- A cabin in the woods
- The beach
- At a sporting event
- At a school dance
- On vacation (pick any location)
- An abandoned house
- School
- An imaginary place
- *A setting of your choice

Time (be specific):

- Present
- Past
- Future

Characters:

- You must have at least two characters in your narrative
- Characters must be described in detail (name, facial features, height, hair/eye colour, age etc)
- Characters need to have dialogue between them throughout the narrative.

Directions: Fill out the graphic organizer below before you start writing your story. Be sure to submit this information along with your short story on the assigned due date.

Setting:

- When? _____
- Where? _____

Point Of View:

Characters: (minimum of TWO characters)

Character #1

- Name _____
- Age _____
- Physical characteristics

- Emotional characteristics

- Other characteristics

Character #2

- Name _____
- Age _____
- Physical characteristics

- Emotional characteristics

- Other characteristics

Character #3

- Name _____

- Age _____

- Physical characteristics

- Emotional characteristics

- Other characteristics

Character #4

- Name _____

- Age _____

- Physical characteristics

- Emotional characteristics

- Other characteristics

Character #5

- Name _____

- Age _____

- Physical characteristics

- Emotional characteristics

- Other characteristics

Plot:

- Rising action event

- Climax

- Resolution

DUE DATE: _____

Organization:

- An organizational pattern is obvious (beginning, middle, end) and ideas are presented in logical order _____ /10

Development:

- Setting (the writer adequately describes when and where the story takes place and the setting appropriately supports the development of the story. _____ /10
- Character Development (the writer adequately describes both the characters' physical and emotional characteristics. The characters actively participate in the events of the story and the characters react to the development of the plot, climax and resolution. _____ /10
- Plot Development (the conflict is clear and the writer describes several events that lead up to the climax. The climax is exciting and the problem is solved before the end of the story. _____ /15

Mechanics:

- The writer uses appropriate punctuation, capitalization and spelling. _____ /5

TOTAL _____ /50