**Summative Trio Tales Short Story Assignment**

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Your task is to create a short story using the three elements that are provided to you. Once you complete your short story, you must also include a written explanation of how your story helps create the theme you want to convey to the reader.

Before you begin writing your short story, you must first show me that you have completed a brainstorm for your assignment. Once you have had a conference with me and I have given you the green light to continue, you may begin writing your story.

Your trio tale must include:

* 500 words
* Expositions, initial incident, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution
* Foreshadowing --- (you will highlight the foreshadowing in your story)
* At least two different character types
* Point of view (1st, 2nd or 3rd)
* At least three literary devices---(highlight three in your story)
* A thematic statement

You will be assessed using the Grade 8 Narrative Rubric.

Rubric

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| 5 - Exemplary: Consistent and highly effective work; superior attempt; exceeds standard, all instructions are followed and exceeded  4 - Very Good: Effective work; great attempt; above standard, all instructions are followed  3 - Developing: Reasonably effective work; fair attempt; accomplishing at standard, most instructions are followed  2 - Awareness Evident: Moderately effective work; some attempt; approaching standard  0 - 1 Ineffective work; little or no attempt; incomplete |

Content: 1 2 3 4 5 \*2 = /10

* The writer captivates and holds the reader’s interest
* The writer’s purpose is clear and sustained
* The ideas used by the writer are carefully chosen and insightful
* Supporting details are precise and creative
* The writing is on-topic and responds to the assignments throughout the writing

Organization: 1 2 3 4 5 \*2 = /10

* The introduction is purposeful and interesting and it clearly establishes an appropriate focus that is sustained
* Events and/or details are arranged in paragraphs in an effective order and coherence is maintained
* Transitions effectively connect events and/or details within sentences and between paragraphs
* Closure is effective and purposeful

Sentence Structure: 1 2 3 4 5 = /5

* Sentence structure is effectively and consistently controlled
* Sentence type and sentence length are consistently effective
* Sentence beginnings are consistently varied

Vocabulary: 1 2 3 4 5 = /5

* Words and expressions are used accurately and deliberately to fulfill the writer’s purpose
* Specific words and expressions are used to create vivid images or enrich details
* The writer’s voice/tone is confident and it enhances the meaning

Conventions: 1 2 3 4 5 = /5

* The quality of writing is enhanced because it is essentially error-free
* The relative absence of error is impressive considering the complexity of the response

Total: /

1. <<https://c1.staticflickr.com/1/97/247844781_253f3bc6e3_z.jpg?zz=1>> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)