

# Original Short Story Book

**Students will create their own original short story based on the details and information research on their historical event. Students can use real people as characters, however they must create their own story line using facts from the event**

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
<b>Setting</b>	Many vivid, descriptive words are used to tell when and where the story took place.	Some vivid, descriptive words are used to tell the audience when and where the story took place.	The reader can figure out when and where the story took place, but the author didn't supply much detail.	The reader has trouble figuring out when and where the story took place.
<b>Characters</b>	The main characters are named and clearly described. Most readers could describe the characters accurately.	The main characters are named and described. Most readers would have some idea of what the characters looked like.	The main characters are named. The reader knows very little about the characters.	It is hard to tell who the main characters are.
<b>Problem/Conflict</b>	It is very easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face and why it is a problem.	It is fairly easy for the reader to understand the problem the main characters face but it is not clear why it is a problem.	It is not clear what problem the main characters face.
<b>Solution/Resolution</b>	The solution to the character's problem is easy to understand, and is logical. There are no loose ends.	The solution to the character's problem is easy to understand, and is somewhat logical.	The solution to the character's problem is a little hard to understand.	No solution is attempted or it is impossible to understand.
<b>Dialogue</b>	There is an appropriate amount of dialogue to bring the characters to life and it is always clear which character is speaking.	There is too much dialogue in this story, but it is always clear which character is speaking.	There is not quite enough dialogue in this story, but it is always clear which character is speaking.	It is not clear which character is speaking.

<b>Organization</b>	The story is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions.	The story is pretty well organized. One idea or scene may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used.	The story is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear.	Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged.
<b>Creativity</b>	The story contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has really used his/her imagination.  Physical Book is Created	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has used his/her Imagination.  Physical Book is Created	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the story. The author has tried to use his/her imagination  Parts of a Physical Book are Created.	There is little evidence of creativity in the story. The author does not seem to have used much imagination.  No physical book created
<b>Mechanics</b>	The story contains no errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics.	The story contains few minor errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics.	The story contains many and/or serious errors in grammar, usage, or mechanics; may interfere with reading.	The story contains so many errors in grammar, usage, and mechanics that errors block reading.