

# Criteria for a Short, Short Story

## (GRADE 5)

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| <b>Content</b>  | <b>55%</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short, snappy title</li><li>• One to two developed characters</li><li>• Know the central problem</li><li>• Dialogue that shows characters' reactions to events</li><li>• Use description</li><li>• Plot develops the central problem</li><li>• Keep it short: 2–3 double-spaced typed pages</li></ul> |            |
| <b>Style (craft and technique)</b>  | <b>20%</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show, don't tell</li><li>• Figurative language</li></ul>  |            |
| <b>Writing Conventions</b>  | <b>25%</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write dialogue correctly.</li></ul>   |            |