

# Criteria for a Short, Short Story

## (GRADE 6)

### **Content** **45%**

- Short, snappy title
- One to two developed characters
- Know the central problem
- Dialogue that shows characters' personality traits and their reactions to events.
- Plot develops the central problem
- Keep it short: 2–3 double-spaced typed pages

### **Style (craft and technique)** **25%**

- Show, don't tell
- Specific nouns
- Figurative language

### **Writing Conventions** **30%**

- Write dialogue correctly
- Repair run-on sentences