

Criteria for a Short, Short Story

(GRADE 8)

Content

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- Short, snappy title
- One to two developed characters
- Know the central problem
- Dialogue and inner thoughts that show differences in main characters' personalities
- Dialogue that provides history and gives characters' reactions to situations
- Plot develops and enhances 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

20%

- Paragraphing
- Repair run-on sentences