



WQLN Kids Writers Contest - Rubric

CATEGORY	5	4	3	2	1
Originality: Unique, child-centered, engaging	Truly unique and captivating, completely child-centered	Mostly unique and fresh, quite engaging	Engaging but with some overly familiar elements	Mostly a retelling of a known story	Direct or very short retelling
Creative Expression: Imagery, details	Vivid imagery, figurative language, specific details, contribute to vividness	Some imagery, figurative language, most details contribute	Some use of detailed language	Modifiers present	No imagery apparent
Organization/Progression: appropriate, good flow	Has a strong hook, delightful and fresh progression, satisfying conclusion	Has a hook and strong progression, solid ending	Has a perceivable order	Elements strung together with some connection	Random thoughts
Use of Language & Conventions	Delightful word choice, fitting to aims of story, connectors and structure contribute	Word choice deliberate, conventions mostly accurate	Word choice is adequate, some conventions apparent	Basic sentence structure	Word strings, sentence fragments
Illustrations: enhance story, notable style	Style fits the mood of story, work is creative, original and eye-catching	Illustrations largely fit the story, some work better than others	Illustrations loosely fit the piece	Illustrations likely copied/traced	No illustrations