



WQLN Kids Writers Contest - Rubric

| CATEGORY | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| 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 |