

SHORT STORY RUBRIC

Expectations	Criteria				Needs Work
	4 Excellent	3 Good	2 Satisfactory	1	
Purpose of Bylaw	The purpose of this bylaw is clear and concise. Story shows a full understanding of the scope of the bylaw.	The purpose of this bylaw is evident. There may be one or two parts of the story where the purpose of the bylaw does not fit into the story.	The purpose of this bylaw is somewhat understandable. The circumstances of the story do not lend themselves well to the scope of the bylaw.	It is unclear what the purpose of this bylaw is. The circumstances of the story do not demonstrate the purpose of the bylaw.	
Consequences of Bylaw	The consequences of this bylaw, including its contribution to the community's well-being and the penalties for violating this bylaw, are clear and well-developed.	The consequences of this bylaw, including its contribution to the community's well-being and the penalties for violating it, are somewhat clear.	The consequences of this bylaw, including its contribution to the community's well-being and the penalties for violating this bylaw, are somewhat clear.	The results of this bylaw are unclear. The explanation of its impact does not fit the scope of the bylaw.	
Plot	The story makes sense, and has a definitive and logical beginning, middle, and end.	The story is understandable and the beginning, middle, and end flow logically.	The story needs more details to make beginning, middle, and end coherent.	The story is hard to follow and the elements need to be linked together better.	
Fluency	The story uses complete sentences with proper length and structure, that flow together logically.	The variety of sentence length and structure is okay, but could flow together better.	The sentences need more work to show a greater variety and/or sentences do not flow together logically. There are incomplete sentences.	The sentence structure makes the story hard to understand.	
Conventions	The story contains correct grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	There are a few errors in grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.	There are several errors in grammar and punctuation which take away from the readability of the story.	There are too many errors which make the writing hard to understand.	
Creativity	The story shows unique and original ideas. It is interesting to read and shows creative thinking.	The story integrates some unique and interesting ideas which make it interesting to read.	The story's ideas do not mesh well with the plot and bylaws. Shows little creative thinking.	The story's ideas are hard to understand and not unique.	

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Overall Level: _____