	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Work
	10 pts	8 pts	6 pts	4 pts
Content	Excellent The story is written with many facts and contains a lot of description about the characters, setting. 8+ vocabulary words for the chapter are used.  Excellent There is an interesting opener, and the story flows clearly. Clear opening, storyline, ending.	Good The story is written with facts but not a lot of detailed description. 6-7 of vocabulary words from the chapter used.  Good There is an opening, storyline, and ending. The opening grabs the reader's attention. Storyline flows with minimal breaking.	Fair The story has only a few facts and hardly any detail at all describing what the character saw or did. 4-5 of the vocabulary words from chapter used.  Fair There are three sections, but they may be unclear. Opening is enough to create some interest, but lacking detail. Storyline flows with some	Needs Work
Development	Excellent The story is extremely developed and thorough without being verbose. The conflict is explored, and characters are developed.	Good The story is very developed and thorough without being verbose. The conflict is explored, and the characters are somewhat developed.	Fair The story is somewhat developed or rambling and verbose. The conflict is explored, and there is some development of the characters.	Needs Work The story is undeveloped or extremely verbose. Minimal or no development of characters.
Quality of Dialogue	Excellent  Dialogue is realistic and interesting, following the lessons from class and text.	somewhat realistic and interesting, following the	Fair  Dialogue is not realistic or uninteresting. Very little effort to mimic learned material.	Needs Work Dialogue is not present or not at all representative of what was discussed in class. Characters ramble about non- related material.
Nuts and Bolts	Excellent  Short story is typed, double-spaced, and in an acceptable font. Name, date, and class are present. Unique title is present.	double-spaced, and in a readable font. Name, date, and class may be	but single spaced, or in a crazy font. No title.	Needs Work Sloppy hand-written