

# Creative Writing Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (4 pts)	Proficient (3 pts)	Basic (2 pts)	Below Basic (1 pt)
<b>Story Development:</b> Creates a compelling story with a clear beginning, middle, and end.	Crafts a captivating story with a strong plot structure.	Develops a story with a clear plot, but some parts may need more detail.	Presents a story, but it might lack clarity or coherence in parts.	Struggles to create a coherent or engaging story.
<b>Character Development:</b> Introduces and develops characters with depth, showing their thoughts, feelings, and actions.	Creates well-rounded characters with clear personalities and motivations.	Develops characters, but some aspects may need more elaboration.	Introduces characters, but they may lack depth or consistency.	Character development is minimal or unclear.
<b>Setting &amp; Descriptive Language:</b> Uses vivid & sensory language to bring the setting to life & create a clear mental image.	Paints a vivid picture of the setting, engaging the reader's senses.	Describes the setting adequately, but more detail could enhance the reader's experience.	Describes the setting, but it may lack detail or vividness.	Setting description is minimal or ineffective.
<b>Dialogue &amp; Interaction:</b> Uses realistic and engaging dialogue that advances the plot and reveals character traits.	Writes natural-sounding dialogue that adds depth to characters and moves the story forward.	Uses dialogue effectively, though some parts might need refinement.	Includes dialogue, but it may be awkward or not contribute significantly.	Dialogue is minimal or feels forced.
<b>Language &amp; Style:</b> Uses varied words and sentences to make writing engaging.	Writes with interesting words and sentence styles.	Uses clear language, but might repeat words.	Writing is simple and may repeat words often.	Writing is very basic and lacks variety.
<b>Correctness:</b> Makes very few grammar, punctuation, or spelling mistakes.	Writing is almost free of errors.	Has a few small mistakes, but they don't distract.	Has noticeable errors, but they don't take away from the writing.	Has many errors that make it hard to understand.
<b>Creativity &amp; New Ideas:</b> Adds personal thoughts and new ideas to the story.	Brings fresh and creative elements to the story, showcasing originality.	Approaches the story with some creativity and originality, presenting unique ideas.	The approach is somewhat conventional, with limited originality.	Lacks creativity and originality, relying on conventional approaches.