



GUIDELINES FOR STORY SUBMISSIONS

The elements that the judges will use to consider judging each short fiction story are:

- overall structure of story
- plot
- place
- scene
- mood
- characterization
- dialogue/narration
- diction
- compelling interest
- overall balance
- overall effect of the various elements

All story submissions **MUST** follow the guidelines below:

- Your name, school name, or teacher name **MUST NOT** appear anywhere in the story or in the file name. If it does, your story will be disqualified.
- 5000 words or less
- .doc, .docx, or rtf file format
- font = 12 points
- double-spaced
- title on first page only
- formatted for 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper
- Only one submission per student
- If student needs to edit story before deadline, s/he must withdraw and re-submit the story before the final deadline.

IF YOUR NAME, YOUR TEACHER'S NAME, OR YOUR SCHOOL'S NAME APPEARS ANYWHERE IN THE STORY OR IN ITS FILE NAME, IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED!