

What are we looking for in a short story?

Plot Development

- engaging title and opening paragraph that draw the reader into the story
- coherent story that presents an intriguing conflict and creative resolution

Ideas and Supporting Details

- well-developed, interesting ideas and imaginative details that advance the plot

Characterization

- believable characters who interact in a convincing way

Paragraph Structure

- clear organization of ideas

Grammar, Punctuation, Sentence Structure

- proper grammar and punctuation and a wide variety of sentences

Vocabulary and Word Use

- sophisticated word usage and vocabulary that creates images for the reader

Story Impact

- memorable story that leaves a lasting impression