

Share a Story Contest Rubric

	Theme	Creativity	Structure	Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics
4	 The beginning, middle, and end of the story all relate to the theme of gratitude	 The story contains details of places and events  The story contains descriptive language that allows the reader to imagine the story and characters	 The story contains a beginning, middle, and end  The sentences are varied in style  The flow of the sentences and use of transition words contribute to interest and variety in the storytelling  Paragraph structure is correct	 There is correct use of punctuation for the age of the writer  The word choice and usage contribute positively to the story  The spelling of words is correct
3	 There are parts of the story about gratitude, but the story does not focus on gratitude	 The story contains some details  The language used in the story is varied somewhat	 There is an overall structure to the story  There is some variation in sentence structure  Paragraphs are used somewhat to help organize the story	 The punctuation is mostly correct  The word choice and usage show some creativity  Most of the spelling is correct
2	 Gratitude is mentioned in the story but is not the central theme to the story	 The story uses similar words in descriptions  The story contains few details or descriptions	 The structure of the story lacks some organization  The sentences do not contribute to the flow of the story  Paragraphs are not used for organization  There are few transitions used	 There are multiple punctuation errors  The word choice and usage distract from the story  There are a large number of spelling errors
1	 The story is not about gratitude	 The story contains no descriptions  The story uses repetitive language	 The plot is not clear and lacks direction  The sentences are fragmented and simple  There are no paragraphs in the story	 The lack of punctuation or incorrect punctuation makes the story hard to read  The word choice and usage is often incorrect  The spelling makes the story difficult to understand

* a drawing is needed to win an award