

# Mystery Writing Rubric

Title of Story: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>4 = Super Sleuth Outstanding</b>	<b>3 = Daring Detective Strong</b>	<b>2 = Interesting Investigator Adequate</b>	<b>1 = Case Unsolved Minimal</b>
<b>Elements of Mystery (points x 3)</b>	Detailed descriptions of characters, setting, plot, clues, distractions, and a conclusion	Evidence of characters, setting, plot, clues, and a conclusion	Use of characters, plot, clues, and some ability to solve the mystery	Minimal description of characters, little use of clues, and the mystery is unsolved
<b>Ideas and Content (points x 2)</b>	Well-stated mystery; use of a plan with an effective beginning, middle, and ending; good flow of ideas from beginning to end	Good set-up of mystery; evidence of beginning, middle, and ending; details are sequential; mystery can be solved with clues	Mystery only partially defined; attempts beginning, middle, and end section; some order of clues to help solve mystery	No clear mystery; beginning, middle, and ending are not clear; ideas are not sequential
<b>Mechanics (points x 1)</b>	Correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation; complete sentences; correct use of capitalization	Few spelling and grammar errors; correct punctuation; complete sentences; few capitalization errors	Some spelling and grammar errors; most sentences have punctuation and are complete; some capitalization errors	Many spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors; sentence fragments; incorrect use of capitalization
<b>Total out of 24 points: _____</b>				

Comments: