Writing Rubric

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| **10**Complete execution of the standard | **9**Strong execution with some room to improve | **8**Meets the standard | **7**Approaching the standard | **5**Below the standard | **0**Standard is not present in the paper |

# Basics and Formatting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does the paper meet the page range (5-10) specified?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does the paper meet the formatting guidelines (font size, spacing, title, name placement, etc.)

# Sentence Craft\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you use verbal phrases, active verbs, and other wordsmithing techniques?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you use simple and complex sentences for a varied effect?

# Historical Context\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is the story accurate according to the history we know?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does the story make reasonable inferences to invent the history we don’t know?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are many historical details included to bring the world to life for the reader?

# Round Characters\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your main character motivated by a desire?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your main character have multiple aspects to their personality?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your main character undergo a significant change from the beginning to the end of your story?

# Plot Development\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your story follow the basic categories of the plot arc?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your story use conflict to drive the plot and keep the reader’s attention?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are all events and parts of the story relevant to the plot or character development?

# Showing vs. Telling\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your story immerse the reader by providing the reader with specific and vivid descriptions?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you avoid the dreaded “thought verbs” whenever possible?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does your story build your character by showing the reader who they are through actions and thoughts?

# Proofreading\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are there errors in your paper that are easily caught by spellcheck or a careful reading?

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Are there errors in either dialogue formatting/punctuation or FANBOYS use/punctuation?

**Final Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/70\_\_**