

House Tournament: Short Story

Students Name: _____

Title: _____

Criterion (Score 0 if element is absent)	Below Expectations (1-4)	Meets Expectations (5-7)	Exceeds Expectations (8-10)	Score
CHARACTERIZATION: Memorable, unique, believable, rich character development	-Characters unbelievable/not very memorable -Characters lack uniqueness -Main character(s) has little impact on the audience's emotions -Little to no character development throughout story	-Somewhat believable/memorable characters -Somewhat unique characters -Main character(s) causes the audience to feel slight negative/positive emotions -Decent dialogue, description, and action that shows some character development	-Very believable/memorable characters -Unique, complex characters -Main character(s) evokes a negative/positive response from audience -Great dialogue, description, and action richly develops characters	
PLOT/CONFLICT: Clear storyline, compelling, arc of conflict, crisis and resolution	-Unclear/not convincing storyline -Little to no conflict/resolution -Does not engage with the audience's ability to feel tension - Little to no challenging obstacles presented	-Decently clear/convincing storyline -Shows elements of conflict/resolution -Audience can somewhat feel the tension - Some level of challenging obstacles	-Clear/convincing/compelling storyline -Arc of conflict that shows crisis/resolution -Audience can feel the tension -Sufficiently challenging obstacles	
THEME/SETTING: Central theme integrated throughout story, realistic/appropriate setting, clear descriptions	-Central theme of story is unclear -unrealistic OR inappropriate setting for story -Little to no descriptions -Not enough descriptions to visualize places described	-Central theme displayed decently throughout story -Somewhat realistic OR appropriate setting for story -Decent descriptions -Can somewhat visualize places described	-Clear central theme displayed throughout story -Realistic OR appropriate setting for story -Clear descriptions -Can clearly visualize places described	

<p>MECHANICS: Grammar, Use of words, Spelling, punctuation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Significant spelling/paragraphing/punctuation/ Grammatical errors -Words used incorrectly -Errors that distract from the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Very few spelling/paragraphing/punctuation/ Grammatical errors -Only a few words used incorrectly -Few errors that distract from the story 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Excellent use of spelling/paragraphing/punctuation with little to no grammatical errors -Words used incorrectly -Little to no errors that distract from the story 	
<p>PASSION/PRESENTATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Story was not very impactful or memorable -Does not really resonate with reader -Presented with little to no passion/emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Story was somewhat impactful and memorable -Resonates somewhat with reader -Presented with decent passion/emotions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Story was very impactful and memorable (the WOW factor!) -Resonates with reader -Presented with passion/appropriate emotions 	
<p>COMMENTS:</p>				<p>TOTAL</p>

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