



SPAA's Writing Competition Rubric

STORY STRUCTURE

30 points

Has a strong beginning; engages the readers
Established strong plot, setting, character and point of view
Blends dialogue with narration effectively
Developes characters through dialogue, narration and action
Has an effective, satisfying ending or conclusion

ORGANIZATION

20 points

Maintains a clear focus; stays on the topic
Exhibits a logical sequence of ideas
Uses relevant details

VOICE / STYLE

20 points

Uses a voice which enhances the writer's goals & engages the readers
Voice is authentic, realistic, appropriate and effective

USE OF LANGUAGE & LITERARY DEVICES

20 points

Transports readers into the story by using rich sensory details that engages their sense of place, smell, sight, taste, feeling and hearing
Vivid descriptive details

WORK CHOICE

15 points

Is not repetitive in word uses
Word choices are effective and enhances the fluency of the writing
Sentences read smoothly but are varied and complex

CONVENTIONS

20 points

Uses correct spelling
Uses punctuation correctly and effectively
Grammar does not interfere with communication

OVERALL PROJECT

15 points

Writer adhered to the deadline and turned in work in a timely manner
The format was appropriate and presentation was professional

Total Points