# Scoring Rubric

## Illustrated Story

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### Distinguished (4 points)

- Writing is based on an original idea or uncommon theme.
- Writing includes certain elements of originality. For example, in a unique voice or with an unexpected outcome.
- The writing is expressive, including figurative language and detailed descriptions that engage the reader.
- The writing is well organized and unified from start to finish, with effective transitions.
- The writing style and content generally meet the needs of the audience.
- The tone is appropriate and enhances the writing.
- Sentences are carefully crafted to create fluidity, interest and variety. *
- The writing demonstrates understanding of grammatical conventions.
- The illustrations have been created with great care and are on unlined paper or in a section of the paper that does not have lines.
- The illustrations are appropriate to the content and mood of the writing.
- The illustrations are very engaging to the viewer and enhance the writing.

### Proficient (3 points)

- Writing is based on an original idea OR includes certain elements of originality.
- Writing is expressive, including some descriptive words and includes efforts at figurative language but needs improvement in order to engage the reader.
- The piece is generally organized and unified.
- The writing demonstrates some awareness of the audience’s needs.
- Effective transitions are used, but there are lapses. *
- Sentences are effective with some variety. *
- There are one or two distracting grammatical or word choice errors. *
- The illustrations have been created with some care and are on unlined paper or in a section of the paper that does not have lines.
- The illustrations are generally appropriate to the content and mood of the writing.
- The illustrations enhance the writing.

### Apprentice (2 points)

- Some evidence of original thought is present, but the writing is based on a common theme and does not include elements of originality.
- Writing includes some descriptive words and includes efforts at figurative language but needs improvement in order to engage the reader.
- The piece, while coherent, does not demonstrate an understanding of the audience’s need for logic and order.
- Some transitions are awkward. *
- Sentences structure is generally simple, with little attempt to provide variety and fluidity. *
- There are several distracting grammatical and word choice errors. *
- The illustrations are on unlined paper or in a section of the paper that does not have lines.
- The illustrations loosely fit the writing.
- The illustrations show some evidence of the writer being hurried or disinterested.

### Novice (1 point)

- The writing feels like a retelling and has a common theme.
- Writing is very simple and lacks the creative enhancements needed to engage the reader.
- The piece is not organized and is therefore hard for the reader to understand.
- Sentences are simple or fragmented. *
- Due to numerous grammatical and word choice errors, the writing is very difficult to understand. *
- The illustrations appear to be an afterthought as they lack detail and craft AND/OR
- The illustrations do not fit the writing. AND/OR
- Illustrations appear to be copied or traced.