Short Story Project – Grade 8

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**Text Features:**

-brief narrative (can be read in one sitting)

- takes place in a short time frame

- concise and stays focused on one theme or incident

- few characters (not developed fully)

- uses dialogue to create action and explore the main theme or incident

-often written in past-tense: could be first-person or third-person perspective

-uses rich imagery and effective word choice to build atmosphere and help a reader to visualize

-opening sentences provide a key to the theme or issue: may provide a traditional introduction or jump into the action

-conclusion may present a resolution or could end abruptly leaving the outcome to the reader

- may include illustration

**Specifics:**

* Story can be typed (double spaced – 12 point font) or neatly handwritten (double spaced – pen)
* Approximately 2 pages in length