



Creative Writing Contest



STORY CHECKLIST

Final Touches: Your Checklist for Story Excellence

Ensure your story shines by ticking off these essential points before submission!

Entry Form Checklist:

- ☐ **Ensure Authenticity:** Is my story original and entirely my work? (Plagiarism and AI-generated content will result in disqualification.)
- ☐ **Contest Rules:** Have I followed all the contest guidelines? (Word count, age group requirements, etc.)

Sentence Structure and Grammar:

- ☐ **Title:** Does my story have a clear and catchy title?
- ☐ **Story Structure:** Does my story have rising action, climax, and falling action?
- ☐ **Read-Aloud Test:** When I read my story out loud, does it flow and make sense?
- ☐ **Consistency:** Throughout my story, have I described places, people, and things consistently?
- ☐ **Conclusion:** Does my story wrap up neatly, without ending on a "To Be Continued" note?
- ☐ **Genre:** Is my submission a fiction story or a collection of poems?
- ☐ Are all my sentences complete?
- ☐ Are words used correctly?
- ☐ Have I proofread for spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors?

Formatting:

- ☐ Is my story saved as a Word document in DOC or DOCX
- ☐ Have I used a 12-pt Times font in black?



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