



Imaginative Story Rubric

	Approaching (4 points)	Meeting (7 points)	Exceeding (10 points)
Characters and Setting	The author gives few details about the characters or setting.	The author gives some information about the characters and setting but may not include many details.	The author uses many descriptive words to describe the characters and setting. The reader knows who the character is and where the story takes place.
Problem and Solution	The problem and/or solution is unclear.	The author provides some information about the problem and solution, but it may be a little hard to understand due to organization or missing details.	The problem in the story is clearly described. The resolution in the story is clearly described.
Plot	The author randomly arranges events. There is no beginning, middle or end.	The beginning, middle and/or end are not present. Some events may be out of order.	The author provides a clear beginning, middle and end. Events take place in sequential order.
Mechanics	The author does not use proper punctuation and capitalization. The story is filled with mistakes that make it hard to read. Many words are misspelled.	The author spells most grade-level appropriate words correctly. There are some mistakes in punctuation and capitalization, but the reader can still understand the story.	The author spells grade-level appropriate words correctly. The author writes complete sentences and uses proper punctuation and capitalization.
Illustrations	The author does not include illustrations. Illustrations may not be detailed or relate to the text.	The author includes illustrations but they could be more detailed or connected to the story.	The author's illustrations enhance the story. Illustrations are detailed and creative and relate to the text.

Total Points: ____/50