



## Story Writing : Mock Trial Journalistic Story

Teacher Name: **Ms. James**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY	Exceeds Standards (4)	Meets Standards (3)	Approaching Standards (2)	Below Standards (0-1)
<b>Focus on Assigned Topic</b>	The entire story is related to the assigned topic and allows the reader to understand much more about the topic.	The story wanders off at one point, but the reader can still learn something about the topic.	Some of the story is related to the assigned topic, but the reader does not learn much about the topic.	The story is very off-topic.
<b>Organization</b>	The story is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions. There is clear lead with supporting evidence.	The story is pretty well organized. One idea or scene may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used. There is a clear lead with supporting evidence.	The story is a little hard to follow and does not provide many details. The transitions are sometimes not clear. The lead is present, but it is poorly constructed.	Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged. There is no lead present.
<b>Spelling and Punctuation</b>	There are no spelling or punctuation errors in the final draft. Character and place names that the author invented are spelled consistently throughout.	There is one spelling or punctuation error in the final draft.	There are 2-3 spelling and punctuation errors in the final draft.	The final draft has more than 3 spelling and punctuation errors.
<b>Accuracy of Facts</b>	All facts presented in the story are accurate.	Almost all facts presented in the story are accurate.	Some facts presented in the story are accurate.	Facts presented in the story are not accurate.
<b>Creativity</b>	The story contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment.	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment.	The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they don't necessarily flow well within the story.	There is little evidence of creativity in the story.
<b>Basic Information</b>	A headline, byline, place and date are all included at the beginning of the article.	3 of the 4 pieces of basic information are included at the beginning of the article	2 of the 4 pieces of basic information are included at the beginning of the article.	1 of the 4 pieces of basic information is included at the beginning of the article.
<b>Relation to Courtroom Procedures</b>	A wide variety of courtroom procedures and characters are referred to within the story.	Some courtroom procedures and characters are referred to within the story.	Few of the courtroom procedures and characters are referred to within the story.	None of the courtroom procedures and characters are referred to within the story.



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