STORY CRITERIA

~ Your story must follow these characteristics…

~Minimum 2 FULL pages

~Size 12 font, double spaced

~Must have story outline completed (handed in with good copy)

~Must be edited for grammar, spelling and punctuation

Beginning of a Story

1. Characters are introduced.
2. Setting is described.
3. A problem (conflict) is established.
4. Readers get interested…

Middle of a Story

1. The problem gets worse.
2. Problems affect the main character.
3. More information & detail about main character.
4. The middle is the longest part.
5. Readers understand…and want to continue reading.

End of a Story

1. The problem (conflict) is resolved.
2. Loose ends are tied up.
3. Readers are satisfied that questions from the middle have been answered.

\*\*Consider that this is a SHORT story. Do not undertake a plot that is too big or too complex to wrap up in the time you have.

\*\*If you have no idea what to write, consider telling a true story about something that has happened to you or to someone you know! This is a (almost) foolproof way to tell a good story with a beginning middle and end.

**DUE: Friday December 20**

**STORY OUTLINE & PLANNING**

Main Character(s): (describe briefly)

Supporting characters:

Main Conflict (Problem the main character is facing)

Setting:

 Indicate some events that will occur as part of the rising action:

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