

Short Story Writing Project Guidelines

Project Overview: In this assignment, you will write an original short story, which will go through several stages of drafting, revising, and peer review. By the end of the project, you will submit a polished final draft that is **4-7 pages** long. The process is designed to help you develop your storytelling skills, apply literary elements, and practice giving and receiving constructive feedback.

Objectives:

- Develop and structure an original short story with a clear plot, setting, and characters.
- Demonstrate understanding of key narrative elements (conflict, climax, resolution).
- Improve your writing through drafting, peer feedback, and revision.
- Strengthen your ability to give and receive constructive feedback.
- Produce a polished, coherent short story that demonstrates thoughtful revision and attention to detail.

Timeline:

- **Weeks 4-5: Brainstorming and Outlining**
 - Brainstorm ideas for your short story.
 - Develop a clear plot, characters, setting, and conflict.
 - Write a 1-page outline of your story, including key plot points and character development.
- **Weeks 6-7: First Draft**
 - Complete a rough draft of your short story (3-4 pages minimum).
 - Focus on narrative flow, character development, and establishing conflict.
- **Weeks 8-9: Peer Review**
 - Participate in a peer review workshop.
 - Give and receive feedback based on story structure, character depth, dialogue, and style.
 - Submit your peer feedback for review.
- **Week 10: Revision**
 - Revise your short story based on the feedback received.
 - Focus on improving clarity, consistency, and overall structure.
- **Week 11: Final Draft**
 - Submit a polished final draft (4-7 pages).
 - The final version should reflect revisions and demonstrate narrative cohesion, strong character arcs, and a resolution to the conflict.