English 7

Short Story

Major Project (200 points total)

Assignment

* You will be writing a 4,000+ word short story in January and February, due March 1st
* 20 pt. check-ups per week x 6 check-ups = 60 points for productivity
* 140 points for the final draft – graded based on le1ngth, story, and grammar

Tips

* You can write about anything as long as it’s school appropriate
* Write what you know— base your story, characters, etc. on things you know well/interests
* Think of your favorite stories, their plots/characters, and what makes them so good
* You can go over 4,000 words if you would like to (it won’t hurt your grammar grade)
* Use each other – help each other by peer-reviewing sections and giving ideas
* Feel free to use the back of this page as scratch paper for some of your initial story ideas. ☺

Graded check-ups (60 points) on Fridays:

* 01/11 – Pre-writing
* 01/18 – Story outline and character profiles
* 01/25 – 1,000 words
* 02/01 – 2,000 words
* 02/08 – 3,000 words
* 02/22 – 4,000 words (rough draft)

Short story (final draft)

* 140 points total
  + 80 points length (20 pt. per 1,000 words)
  + 30 points story (story makes sense, builds well, easy to follow)
  + 30 points grammar (points deducted for errors)