# Assignment

## Write a Short Story

Over the next few lessons you will be writing a short story—a work of fiction. Here are some requirements for your short story:

* Your story should contain all five parts of a narrative arc: exposition, complicating incident, rising action, climax, and falling action.
* The plot should center on a conflict that a main character faces.
* In addition to the main character, create one or more secondary characters who will participate in the story.
* Create a second plot line that fits in with the main plot.
* Narrate the story from a suitable point of view—first person, third-person omniscient, third-person limited, or (in rare cases) second person.
* Use realistic-sounding dialogue to help develop characters and move the action forward.
* Use vivid, precise, concrete words and phrases to make your story come alive.
* Your story should be about 500–1,000 words long. The final draft will be scored by your teacher.

The final draft will be scored by your teacher using the Narrative Writing Grading Rubric. Look at the rubric yourself so that you know how your writing will be scored.

You will begin your assignment today. Follow the steps of the writing process to complete the assignment. You will turn in your work as a Teacher-Graded Assignment.

### Planning

Brainstorm a topic for your short story. Complete a narrative arc on which to outline the plot.

### Drafting

Write the first draft of your short story, and remember to save often. When you’ve finished the draft, you will share it with one or more readers to get feedback for revision.

### Revising

Revise your first draft. Review the feedback you received, and decide which comments you agree with so that you can revise accordingly. After revising, use the Revision Checklist to make sure you have done the best revision you can.

### Proofreading and Publishing

Proofread your draft, using the Proofreading Checklist.

### Submit Your Assignment

Your teacher will score your assignment using the Narrative Writing Grading Rubric. Look at the rubric yourself so that you know how your assignment will be scored.

Check with your teacher regarding the date you need to turn in the assignment. Follow the instructions in the Graded Assignment to complete the story and submit it to your teacher for grading.