

Short Story Project

Due Dates

Three Page Sample:

Rough Draft of Story One:

Final Draft of Story One:

Rough Draft of Story Two:

Final Draft of Story Two:

For the short story project you will be writing 6,000 words that consist of multiple short stories. How many stories you write to reach this count is up to you. The maximum length for any single story is 4,000 words.

There will be two rounds of story writing / revising. For each round you must have either a complete story of about 3,000 words **or** multiple shorter stories that come to the same amount. Flash fiction is acceptable.

Before the first round a three page sample will be collected. This is so you may see how these stories will be graded and understand the sort of revisions I will be looking for. This sample does not need to be a complete story but should reflect your work thus far.

The key to succeeding in this project is to make certain that every story contains the important elements of a story, regardless of the story's length. You will be graded on:

- Length – Does each story / collection of stories come to approximately 5,000 words?
- Plot Development – Are all of the elements of a plot there? Can they be easily recognized?
- Character Development – Do your characters have real attributes? Or are they simple archetypes?
- Setting – Can the reader tell where the story is taking place?
- Originality – What makes this story yours? How is it different from every other story?
- Mastery of Writing Basics – Did you use proper grammar and punctuation? In places where you didn't, was there a clear purpose behind this choice?

- Point of View / Tense – Are these consistent? Or do they shift without reason?
- Revision – Does each story improve in each draft? Do you take feedback into consideration?

Keep note of the deadlines and try to work ahead so that you do not miss any of the due dates. If you are absent on any of the days in which a rough draft is due you will still be responsible for getting classmates to edit your work so that you can receive full credit.