

## CREATIVE WRITING

Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the type of writing:

- **Short Story** – A fiction piece comprised of three basic elements: a theme, a plot, and characters. Submit one story, maximum length 2,000 words.
- **Essay** – A short nonfiction composition in which a theme is developed, or an idea is expressed. Submit one essay, maximum length 500 words.
- **Feature Story** – Nonfiction human-interest story judged on interest to readers, writing style, readability, and thoroughness of coverage. Submit one story, maximum length 1000 words.

JUDGES: Please identify a numerical score on a scale of 1-10 for each element on the sheet. **1= needs improvement, 10= exceeds criteria.** At the county level, an alternative scoring method can be used: Needs Improvement “-“, Meets Expectations “X”, and Exceeds Expectations “+”.

## Judging Criteria

Project Knowledge For All Divisions	Score
Creative title conveys essence of content	
Content: appeals to readers	
Content: proper grammar, spelling	
Content: engaging writing style & readability	

Short Story: Fiction (Score only if applicable)	Score
Creative development of character	
Creative development of theme and plot	
Effective use of literary techniques, such as sequencing, symbolism, transitions, etc.	

Essay: Nonfiction (Score only if applicable)	Score
Creative development of theme	
Convincing debate/discussion of topic	
Clear organization and conclusion	

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<b>Feature Story: Nonfiction</b> <i>(Score only if applicable)</i>	<b>Score</b>
Interesting human-interest topic	
Fully developed content which tells a story	
Clear organization and conclusion	

<b>Explanation of Project Exhibit</b>	<b>Score</b>
Goal of project exhibit	
Ability to explain decisions made or results shown	
Self-evaluation of project, including time spent on project area	
Skills learned and plans for continued study	

<b>Exhibit Presentation</b>	<b>Scores</b>
Neat appearance	
Follows exhibit requirements	
Presents information in interesting way	

**TOTAL SCORE** (Points possible: 140): \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARD RECEIVED** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**