

COMMUNICATIONS



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CREATIVE WRITING

Name _____

County _____ Project Level _____

Circle the type of writing

- **Rhymed Poetry** – An interpretation of a subject in rhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- **Free Style Poetry**– An interpretation of a subject in unrhymed verse. Submit a collection of three poems.
- **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 –1,000 words.

JUDGES: Please identify a numerical score on a scale of 1-10 for each element on the sheet.

Judging Criteria	SCORE 1= needs improvement 10= exceeds criteria
Project Knowledge for all divisions	
• Creative title conveys essence of content	
• Content: appeals to readers	
• Content: proper grammar, spelling	
• Content: engaging writing style & readability	
Poetry	
• Creative development of theme	
• Effective use of literary techniques, such as symbolism, rhyme, rhythm	
Short Story: Fiction	
• Creative development of character	
• Creative development of theme and plot	
• Effective use of literary techniques, such as sequencing, symbolism, transitions, etc.	
Essay: Nonfiction	
• Creative development of theme	
• Convincing debate/discussion of topic	
• Clear organization and conclusion	
Feature: Nonfiction	
• Interesting human-interest topic	
• Fully developed content which tells a story	
• Clear organization and conclusion	

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Explanation of Project Exhibit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal of project exhibit 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to explain decisions made or results shown 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-evaluation of project, including time spent on project area 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills learned and plans for continued study 	
Exhibit Presentation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neat appearance 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follows exhibit requirements 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents information in interesting way 	
TOTAL SCORE <i>(Points possible: 220)</i>	
COMMENTS	
AWARD RECEIVED <i>(if applicable)</i>	