

Student MIST ID:

Total Score:

/100

Judge's Printed Name:

Rank:

Children's Book Ballot

Each student must have 3 copies of their book. Each judge will take a copy of each book, grade it and fill out the Judging Sheet. Each judge must grade each book. Hence, each student will get input from all judges. The contestant's MIST ID must be the only thing identifying the work. Judges will have 5 minutes to interview the student and ask him or her questions about their book.

Judges can ask the students to give a brief description of their book and what inspired them to write the story. **NOTE: If there is an illustration and it's not properly credited to the illustrator**

DEDUCT 2 points.

Pts Rcvd

_____ 1. Originality: **(20 points – 4 pts each)**

- _____ Was the story fresh and imaginative?
- _____ Does the setting, content, interpretation of the theme and expressions show original thought?
- _____ Is the idea of the story original or has it been borrowed from other books, T.V. programs, or movies?
- _____ Does the writer include elements in the story that reflect their own experiences, feelings, or imagination?
- _____ Does the writer use common clichéd beginnings and endings such as “One day...” or “It was all a dream...”?

_____ 2. Language Skills: **(10 points – 2 pts each)**

- _____ Is the story well written and uses correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, and sentence construction?
- _____ Does the writer use paragraphs to manage the flow and pace of the story?
- _____ Does the writer “show, not tell” events throughout the story using appropriate dialogue and action scenes?
- _____ Does the writer use varying sentence types and lengths, literary devices such as imagery, similes, and metaphors? Is the writer consistent in his/her use of tenses and voice?
- _____ Is the title relevant to the story and does it arouse the reader's interest?

_____ 3. Plot development and Construction: **(30 points – 6 pts each)**

- _____ Does the story have a strong beginning that hooks and interests the reader?
- _____ Does the writer build mystery or surprises?
- _____ Does the story have a logical plot development or sequence of events?
- _____ Does the story have an ongoing conflict moving it towards a satisfying conclusion or resolution or does it end abruptly?
- _____ Is the ending memorable and does it leave a lasting impression in the reader's mind?

