

Name: _____

Date: _____

STORY EDITING CHECKLIST

Word Choice

- _____ Be descriptive: Show don't tell
- _____ Pick 5 words to change
- _____ Go sentence by sentence to find words to change
- _____ Read word for word to find words to change

Describe Characters in Detail

- _____ Describe in general detail
- _____ Give vivid examples of how they act, move, and feel

Grammar & Punctuation

- _____ Check for verb agreement
- _____ Check for punctuation at end of sentence
- _____ Check for punctuation within sentences (commas, quotes, dashes, etc.)
- _____ Capitalization of first words and proper nouns

Spelling

- _____ Use a dictionary/computer/other resource

Sequencing

- _____ Story follows a sequence that “makes sense”
- _____ Use order words (then, next, afterwards)

Characters

- _____ Create a character that your reader will root for or want to defeat (make them worth investing in)

Theme

- _____ Story has a theme throughout

**** Remember: Your story is creative and should be entertaining to read!**