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	Exemplary	Very Good	Satisfactory	Needs Revision
Structure: **Beginning**	Reader becomes involved in the story and wants to read on.	Good attempt at getting the reader's attention.	Situation clear to reader, some attempt to get reader's attention.	Situation unclear to reader after the opening.
Middle	Character learns and grows as intriguing problems are dealt with though not necessarily solved.	Character works to solve problems using his/her skills.	Character is given problems to solve but solutions may be pat.	Character is given insufficient problems to solve.
End	Seamless ending helps the author communicate the theme of wishing for "the good old days."	Ending smoothly completes the tale.	Sufficient ending.	Insufficient or no clear ending.
Content: Includes some, or all, of the following: Exaggeration, character's origin, hero with extraordinary abilities, actual locations, historic characters, humor, theme of wishing for "the good old days."	Tall tale content helps the writer create an intriguing tall tale hero and sheds light on the predicament and personality of the main character.	Tall tale content is woven smoothly into the plot.	Sufficient tall tale content.	Insufficient tall tale content.
Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, Spelling	Virtually perfect GUMS.	Some errors, but mostly in areas not emphasized in class lessons.	Some errors in areas covered in class lessons, but not enough to prevent understanding.	Errors interfere with the ability of the nomination to be understood.

Overall Evaluation (circle one):

Exemplary

Very Good

Good

Needs Revision

Comments: