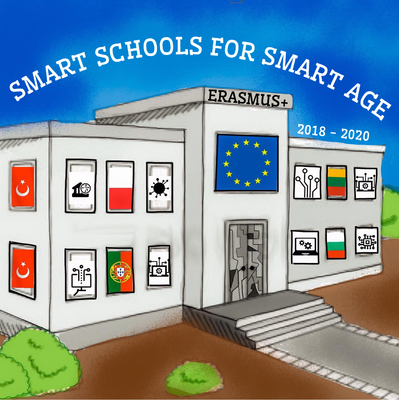
**Fable Writing**



A fable is a short narrative that exemplifies a moral or principle of human behavior; that is usually stated in the conclusion of the story. The characters, setting and actions become a symbol of human nature.

Directions: Go online and research Aesop’s fables at [http://aesopfables.com](http://aesopfables.com/). Read some of the fables you find and gather some ideas for your own writing. After researching, you will write your own fable.

Criteria:

* Entire fable less than 250 words (1 page) *Title

* Plots actions must lead to the moral *Moral must be given in last line of the story *Keep it simple and specific

* Be original (not based on example fables) *Uses appropriate language

* Use correct grammar, punctuation, etc.



**Fable Writing Rubric**

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|  | **4** | **3** | **2** | **1** |
| **Title** | Title is creative, sparks interest and is related to the story and topic | Title is related to the story and topic | Title is present, but does not appear to be related to the story and  topic | No title |
| **Plot**  (x2) | Actions in plot lead directly to the moral | Actions in plot lead to the moral | Actions in plot barely lead to moral | Actions in plot do not lead to the moral |
| **Moral**  (x2) | Successfully creates an effective moral that supports the  story | Creates a moral that supports the fable | Moral is present and somewhat supports the fable | Does not create a moral; moral does not support story |
| **Originality**  (x2) | Fable is original | ------------------- | ------------------- | Fable is not original |
| **Use of Language** | Demonstrates excellent sentence and vocabulary  variety | Demonstrates adequate sentence and vocabulary  variety | Demonstrates repetitive use of sentence structure and  vocabulary | Demonstrates poor use of language & generates  confusion |
| **Grammar** | Contains no errors in grammar, punctuation,  and spelling | Contains few errors in grammar, punctuation,  and spelling | Contains some errors in grammar, punctuation,  and spelling | Contains many errors in grammar, punctuation,  and spelling |
| **Page Length** | Meets required page length | ------------------- | ------------------- | Does not meet required page length |