**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 andtopic | 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 thestory | 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 vocabularyvariety | Demonstrates adequate sentence and vocabularyvariety | Demonstrates repetitive use of sentence structure andvocabulary | Demonstrates poor use of language & generatesconfusion |
| **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 |