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Date _____

Criteria Checklist

Use this checklist as a way to focus your writing and to be sure that you have done your very best work. After you have completed your draft, reread your writing piece and check to be sure you have included all of the elements.

Narrative Elements

Does your writing piece have a beginning, middle, and end?

Does your writing piece have a well-described setting?

Does your writing piece have well-developed characters?

Expository Elements

Does your writing piece include information about a topic?

Does your writing piece include at least five facts or pieces of information on the topic?

Can your facts or pieces of information be proved in a reference source?

Writing Mechanics

Did you check your writing piece for spelling mistakes?

Did you check your writing piece for capitalization and punctuation?

Did you check your writing piece for correct paragraphing?

Overall

Does your writing piece “flow”—meaning that the fiction and nonfiction elements fit nicely together, so your writing is not choppy?