Create Your Own Short Story

Now that we have read a few short stories, it is time for you to create your own short story. You have learned about plot, conflict, characters, setting, point of view, foreshadowing, irony and theme. You will use these elements effectively in the story you write. Shape your story using the 5 key plot elements: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Choose a point of view to narrate your story: first person (told from the view of "I"), second person (told directly to the reader as "you"), or third person (telling what "he", "she", or "it" does. This can be limited to telling from one character's viewpoint or omniscient where the narrator knows everything about all of the characters). Develop characters, a setting, and conflict(s). Dialogue must be included. In other words, the characters must speak to each other. Look in the stories we've read for examples of proper dialogue form. Remember to begin a new paragraph every time a new person speaks, and place punctuation marks inside the quotation marks.

	Emerging / Developing	Proficient	Extending
Connections		Creates connections between ideas with a broad and clear understanding.	
Elements & Devices		Analyzes literary elements and devices with accurate and detailed reasoning.	
Writing & Design		Applies writing and design strategies to organize a progression of ideas.	
Grammar & Punctuation		Revises for grammar and punctuation in a thorough and mostly accurate way.	

Self-Assessment:

Teacher-Assessment: