

Stories Matter rubric:

Piece has an original title that grabs the reader's attention and gives an idea of what the piece will be about.

/5 points

Piece follows correct MLA formatting, including: 12 pt font (Times New Roman or Cambria), 1 inch margins, double spaced, heading including name and date on left.

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Piece includes an introduction that previews main idea(s) of the piece, grabs the reader's attention, and is relevant and unique to that writer's story.

/10 points

Language Use: Writer is aware of the 3 Cs in the piece. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation use does not obscure the author's meaning.

/10 points

Thesis/Claim: Writer clearly states a main idea, thesis, or claim. The thesis is arguable and illustrates a lesson the author wants the reader to learn.

/15 points

Details and Support: The writer tells a story which supports the thesis. Examples and details are included which engage the reader and enhance the story. Ideas, stories, and details all apply to this primary thesis and do not stray off-topic.

/15 points

Analysis: Claims, stories, and details are explicitly analyzed—that is, the writer explains how the details support the claims.

/20 points

Organization and Flow: The purpose and effectiveness of the piece is enhanced by the organization of the ideas. The piece flows well from idea to idea and transitions are utilized where appropriate.

/10 points

Piece includes a conclusion that restates main ideas and wraps up the piece.

/5 points

The final draft is between 1000 and 1500 words  
/5 points

The final draft shows significant improvement from the rough draft in several of the above requirements  
/0 points

Total score:

0 /100 points

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