

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>. 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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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