

Checklists for Short Stories Based on Research

Checklist for the Introductory Paragraph

(Setting and Characters introduced)

_____ Topic Sentence (grabber)

_____ Detail Sentences
about characters

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about setting

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentence about
beginning event(s) or Thesis
Statement

_____ Info based on research

Checklist for the Rising-Action Paragraph

*(Problem/conflict presented &
suspense built)*

_____ Topic/Transition Sentence

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 1

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 2

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 3

L _____

F _____

_____ Info based on research

Checklist for the Climax Paragraph

(Crisis & Decision presented)

_____ Topic/Transition Sentence

_____ Detail Sentences
about the Crisis

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about the Decision

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about Initial Action

L _____

F _____

_____ Info based on research

Checklist for the Falling-Action Paragraph

*(Events for solving the problem, & the
solution presented)*

_____ Topic/Transition Sentence

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 1

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 2

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences
about Event 3

L _____

F _____

_____ Info based on research

Checklists for Short Stories Based on Research (cont.)

Checklist for Concluding Paragraph (Ending presented)

_____ Concluding Transition Sentence

_____ Detail Sentences about
Ending Event 1

L _____

F _____

_____ Detail Sentences about
Ending Event 2

L _____

F _____

_____ Clincher Sentence

General Prompt Sheet

_____ Title Set Apart

_____ Dialogue included

_____ Transitions Make Sense

_____ Different types of sentences
used

_____ Variety of complex words used

_____ Exciting