

# Checklists for Short Stories

## Checklist for the Introductory Paragraph

***(Setting and Characters introduced)***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Topic Sentence (grabber)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentences**      L \_\_\_\_\_  
                  **about characters**      F \_\_\_\_\_

**Detail Sentences**  
**about setting**

L \_\_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Detail Sentence about beginning event(s) or Thesis Statement**

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist for the Climax Paragraph

***(Crisis & Decision presented)***

**\_\_\_\_\_ Topic/Transition Sentence**

**Detail Sentences about**  
**Detail 1** L \_\_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_\_

**Detail Sentences about**  
**Detail 2** L \_\_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_\_

**Detail Sentences about**  
**Detail 3** L \_\_\_\_\_  
F \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_