**Contents List for Short Nonfiction Stories**

**(These stories are about real characters and events)**

**Title**

**Introductory Paragraph**

**Topic Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Names the topic, grabs the reader)**

**Setting Sentences**

**(Descriptive sentences about the real setting)**

**Character Sentences**

**(Descriptive sentences about the real character(s))**

**Beginning Event Sentence or Thesis Statement (Specific Topic Sentence)**

**(Topic, Character, event, graceful lead in)**

**Rising-Action Paragraph**

**Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce the real event(s) related to the problem and building suspense)**

**Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new event that builds suspense)**

**Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new event)**

**Climax Paragraph**

**Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce events related to the climax)**

**Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new event related to the crisis, decision, or initial action)**

**Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new event)**

**Contents List for Short Nonfiction Stories (cont.)**

**Falling-Action Paragraph**

**Topic/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Transition, Topic, Character, Introduce events related to the problem-solving actions)**

**Lead-off Sentences**

**(Transition, introduce a new problem-solving action)**

**Follow-up Sentences**

**(Provide more info about the new problem-solving action)**

**Concluding Paragraph**

**Concluding/Transition Sentence (G, C, or S Topic Sentence)**

**(Concluding Transition, Topic, Character, Event related to the ending)**

**Detail Sentences**

**(Describe events related to the ending)**

**Clincher Sentence**

**(Topic, the main message)**