Science Fiction Overview

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- Additionally, good science fiction has a good story!

- Minimum of <u>one type written pages </u>per grade level of participant (12 font, 1.5 space)

Science Fiction Writing

Definition:

Science fiction is a genre of fiction dealing with imaginary but more or less plausible (or at least non-supernatural) content such as future settings, futuristic science and technology, space travel, aliens, and paranormal abilities. Exploring the consequences of scientific innovations is one purpose of science fiction, making it a "literature of ideas"

Requirements:

- Minimum of one type written pages per grade level of participant (12 font, 1.5 space)

- Illustrations encouraged, but are optional and can be drawn by other than participant.

- Stories must be received by STEM Expo evaluators at least one week prior to the STEM Expo date.

Science Fiction
Judging Evaluation Form

Name _____

Grade _____

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General

Knowledge and understanding of the topic is conveyed	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Thinking includes creative use of ideas and imagination	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Alternative thought process or physical rules are clearly expressed (but not necessarily described in detail)	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Alternative rules are consistent throughout the story	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Story keeps the readers' attention	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6

Writing Process

Paper contains a minimum of one type written page per grade level of participant *(Requirement is for two per level, but flexibility is allowed.)*	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Writing is organized with a clear beginning, middle and end	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Sentences are clear and spelling is accurate	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
Use of details, adjectives and examples is well done and appropriate	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6

Visual

Presentation is clean and well laid out (Title page, typed/printed in 12 point font, with 1.5 line spacing)	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6
If illustrations are used they are appropriate and add to the story	0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6

Additional Items for Consideration

Alternative rules or thought processes are derived from current existing physical laws.	
Willful suspension of disbelief effort is almost negligible	
Structure or form of story may be unique	
Dialogue (if present) is used well and flows appropriately	

Evaluation value approximations: 0: Not Demonstrated, 1: Beginning, 2: Developing, 3: Average, 4: Accomplished, 5: Advanced, 6: Artistic

Science Fiction Writing

**Words Created by
Science Fiction Writers**

1) Atomic bomb
2) Spaceship
3) Genetic engineering
4) Robot
5) Beep
6) Taser
7) Blast off
8) Fanzine
9) Cyberspace
10) Flash mob

Laws of Good Science Fiction
http://www.cthreepo.com/writing/laws/

❑ Science Fiction is Real

❑ Science Fiction Changes the World for the Better

❑ Science Fiction has a Sense of Wonder

❑ Good Science Fiction is Good Science

❑ No Supermen, Star Trek, Star Wars

❑ Be Original

write out of this world
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